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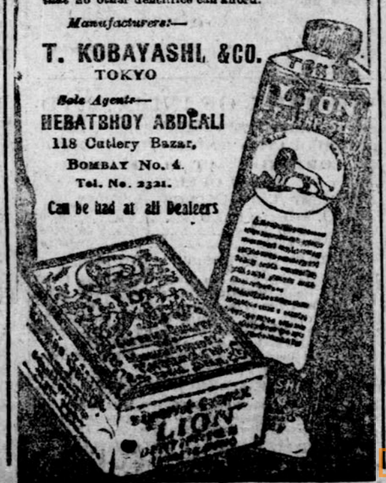

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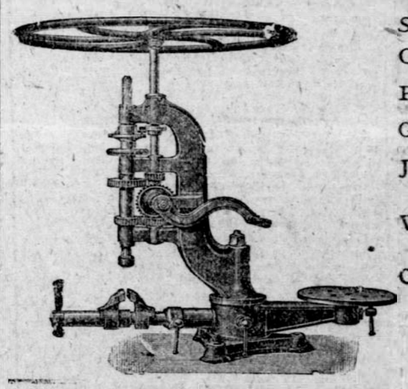

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R. AITKEN,
Secretary and Treasurer.
Bombay, 23rd December, 1918. 3747

NOTICE.

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	Rs.
Probable value of work	39,295
Amount of earnest money with the tender	500
Security deposit including earnest money	3,930

2. Forms of tender can be had from the office of the undersigned on payment of Rs. 2 for each on any working day except the day of receiving tenders.

3. No alteration in the tender form is allowed, which must be complete in all respects.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER.
Thana District.
Thana Dec. 23rd, 1918. 3767.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the draft list of Mahomedans resident in Bombay qualified under the Election Rules published in the Bombay Government Gazette, dated 17th October, 1912, to vote at the election of an additional member of the Legislative Council of his Excellency the Governor of Bombay representing the Mahomedan Community in the City of Bombay is prepared and will be available for inspection at the Office of the Collector of Bombay in Town Hall on 31st December 1918 and following days when this office is open for business between the hours of 12 noon and 5 p.m. A limited number of copies of this draft list will be available for sale on application at a price of rupee one per copy. All persons whose names are not included in the list and who claim that their names should be entered in the final revised roll and all persons whose names appear in the list and who claim that any alteration or revision should be made in such list should forward their claims in writing to the Collector of Bombay before the 15th January, 1919, after which date no claims will be considered.

All letters submitting claims should be marked on the outside "Electoral Roll."

Bombay, Collector's Office, 23rd Dec., 1918.
W. C. SHEPHERD,
Collector of Bombay. 3764

NOTICE.

MEHKMA KHAS MARWAR STATE
JODHPUR (RAJPUTANA)

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Triennial contract of "Anwal or Tarward" (Cassia auriculata). Tanning bark, for Jalore-Jaswantpura and Sojat-Pali Parganas shall be under final Auction on 6th January, 1919, at the Mehkma Khas Revenue Offices, Jodhpur.

Bids in sealed covers are invited from all intending purchasers and contractors as per registered post, any time during the aforesaid period or personally on 6th January, 1919, at Jodhpur.

Note.—The following extract from a note on our Anwal (Cassia auriculata) barks by Mr. Puransingh F. C. S. Chemical Adviser to Forest Research Institute Dehra Dun gives some idea of their quality and value—vide Indian Forester for January 1915, Page 14-7. The mature barks from Marwar are richest in tanning of all the samples so far examined while that obtained from 5-6 months' old shoots, containing 18 per cent. of tanning is also a higher average than that of any other sample of immature bark examined up to date.

Pt. SUKHDEO PRASAD,
Revenue Member Raj Marwar.
Jodhpur, dated 21st Dec., 1918. 3771

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the partnership hitherto subsisting between our client Mr. MAHOMED OOSMAN JAMAL and Mr. KANTILAL HARILAL JOSHI as Jewellers at Fydhonie under the name style and firm of Mahomed Oosman Jamal and Co., has been by mutual consent of the said partners dissolved as from the 22nd instant. All Persons are, therefore, hereby warned not to deal with the said Mr. Kantilal Harilal in the name of the said partnership firm of Mahomed Oosman Jamal and Co.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1918.

ARDESHIR HORMUSJI DINSHA & Co.,
Solicitors for Mr. Mahomed Oosman Jamal.
3759

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. DADABHOY FRAMJI POONJIAJI and BURJORJI FRAMJI POONJIAJI having contracted for the absolute sale of the undermentioned property to our client. All persons having any claim on the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, gift, sale, lien lease or otherwise are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office No. 48, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any such claims, (if any) and they shall be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of Fazendari land or ground together with the messuage tenements or dwelling house standing thereon situate lying and being at 1st Marine Street without the Fort, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 74 square yards or thereabouts and forming portion of a large piece of land bearing Collector's New Survey No. 8298 and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under C Ward No. 2423 and Street No 49 and bounded on the North by the 1st Marine Cross Lane; on the South by the said 1st Marine Street; on the East by the property of Ahmed Sacoor and on the West by the property of Hussemabai Abdul Husein and which said premises are in the occupation of the Vendors' tenants.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1918.

UNWALLA PHEROZESHAW & PAPA,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 3750

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20 Bales each 25 pieces of 60 yards Red Ralli Chintz in Bond.
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On SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at 3-30 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. BENNET & Co., will sell by Public Auction, at the Rooms, quantity of grey and colour piece-goods, etc.

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On SUNDAY, the 29th instant at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.) Messrs. BENNETT & CO., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at No. 6 Wodehouse Road, Colaba, valuable and handsome teakwood and blackwood plain and carved household furniture, rich glass and crockery ware, best platedware large dining table arm and without arm chairs large sideboard and dumbwaiters, drawing room suite of sofas and chairs, drawing-room cabinets, single and double door Almyrahs, handsome flower vases and table ornaments, rich pictures and oleographs, fancy teapoys, marble top dressing and washhand tables, dressing chest of drawers, soil linen baskets, brass and iron single and double bedsteads, large English ice box with refrigator, meatsafes, cooking utensils, rich Persian and Brussels Carpets, etc., etc., the property of Captain Daly.
Catalogues will be published and the property on view three days before the sale.
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Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 4 days before the sale.

AUCTION SALE OF 68 BALES JAPANESE YARN.

On FRIDAY, the 27th day of December at 1 p.m., (S.T.) Messrs. J. S. MODY & CO. will sell by public auction by order of Patel Umedram Bhagwandas at his shop at Tamba Kanta Pydhonie and on account and at the risk of the defaulting purchasers Messrs. C. M. Vyarkatachalapatty Ayer and Sons.
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CABLE QUOTATIONS.

COTTON.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

Liverpool, Dec. 19th.

			Bales
Total Day's	Sales at Liverpool	.. ..	1,000
" "	Sales on Spec & for Exp.	.. ..	100
" "	Sales of East Indian	.. ..	6,000
" "	Imports	.. ..	21.57
Mid. Americans spot		.. ..	27.30
Egyptian F.G.F sakels		.. ..	37.60
New York 11 a.m. (As known in Liverpool at closing time)		..	Jan. 26 40 / Mar. 25.41 / May 27.48 / Jan. 26.19
New Orleans 10 a.m.	.. ..		Mar.

OPENING TONE AND PRICES.

Liverpool, Dec. 19th.

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES:—
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Liverpool, Dec. 19th.
New Contracts.

Months.	To-day's price
Dec.	20.98 33
Jan.	19 85+35
Feb.	18.90+33
Mar	17.92+33
April	16.85+30

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Liverpool, Dec. 19th.

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"	" Fully Good	.. .. ..	17.06
"	" Fine	.. .. ..	17.29
"	" Fine	.. .. ..	17.54

BANK OF ENGLAND.

London, Thursday, Dec. 19th.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND RETURNS for the week ending yesterday show the following results:—

		£	£
Total Bullion	..	78,000,068	Inc. 990,000
Public Deposits	..	22,906,000	" 1,500,000
Other do.	..	143,900,098	Dec. 9,100,000
Govt. Securities	..	69,306,000	" 4,400,000
Other do.	..	93,200,000	" 2,700,000
Notes and Gold	..	23,100,000	" 600,000

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MONEY MARKETS.

London, Dec. 19th.

Rentes 3%	62
Bar Silver Spot	48 7/16
Closing Tone of Silver:—Quiet.	
Discount Bank of England Rate 5 per cent: since 5th April 1917.	
Discount Bank Bills 3 m/st.	3 1/2
" Indian Bank Bills 6 m/st.	3 1/2
" Fine Trade Bills 3 months	4 1/4
" " " 6 "	4 5/8
Interest day to day loans	3
" 7 day market loans	3 1/8
Consols 2½ % 59½	Unchgd.
Rupee Paper 3½ % Nominal 53½	
Indian Stock 3½ % Sterling Loan	70¼—¼
Government Securities 3 %	66¾—¼
Ex. On London at Paris Francs ..	25.07½ Unchgd.

WAR LOANS.

London, Dec. 19th.

5½%	1925—1928	.. .. ..	£98¾ +¼
4½%	1925—1945	.. .. ..	£98½ Unchgd.
5 %	Nov—	.. .. ..	£94 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS MARKET.

London, Dec. 19th.

SEEDS.

Quotations of Cottonseed, Rapeseed, Linseed and Linseed Oil are not permitted by Government.

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Standard Copper G.M.B. Nominal	£112
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JAVA SUGAR.

Raw Java Nos. 16/18 C. & F. Calcutta Jan.-Mar. Nominal	22/9
Fine White Java, C. & F. Calcutta Jan.-Mar. Nominal	24/6
Tone:—No buyers for near quotations.	

RUBBER.

Para Rubber Fine Hard Cure Dec.-Jan. Sellers	2/7
Tone:—Dull.	
Plantation First Latex Crops Jan.-Mar. Value	2/3½
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London, Dec. 30th.

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BOMBAY MARKET.

COTTON.

(From our Commercial Correspondent.)

Bombay, Dec. 24.

The tone of the market this morning was easier, and in the Marwadi bazaar Fully Good Broach April-May opened at Rs. 645 and gradually declined to Rs. 636. The price then improved to Rs. 645/46 and dropped to Rs. 639/40. At 4 p.m. the rate had advanced to Rs. 644. At Colaba, the market opened at Rs. 641, and after further fluctuations closing quotations were as under.

Ready cotton has been quiet with only a very moderate demand.

The ginners Report, received by private cable to-day, gives the total ginnings to 13th December as 10,252,000 bales, against 10,132,000 to same time last year. The Report is rather bearish, as since the previous Report 689,000 bales have been ginned, against 582,000 bales during same period last year.

The market will be closed for the Christmas Holidays to-morrow and on Thursday.

QUOTATIONS 6 P. M.

			Rs.
Fully Good M. G. Broach	..	April-May ..	655
Fully Good M. G. Bengal	..	Dec.-Jan. ..	513
Fine M. G. Oomras	.. ..	.. ..	580

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of cotton produce, etc., for the 48 hours ending 6 p.m on 23rd Dec. 1918.

Cotton	11,767 bales
Wheat	20,522 Qwts
Linseed	23 706 "
Rape, &c.	1,725 "
Gingellyseed	1,228 "
Peppyseed	101 "
Groundnuts	3,866 "
Castorseed	1,433 "
Rice	3,078 "
Myrabollams	1,951 "
Cottonseed	6,857 "
Mowrasseed	210 "
Gram	103 "
Jowar	Nil "
Maize	Nil
Barley	703 "

WHEAT AND SEEDS.

The following are to-day's closing rates as issued by the Marwari Chamber of Commerce.

Bombay, Dec. 24th—5-30 p m

Ready.	Bazar Terms. Rs. as. p.	Rail Delivery. Rs. as. p.
Wheat White Delhi 70-35 ..	77 0 0	11 5 0
" " Cawnpore 70-80 ..	76 0 0	11 4 0
" Karachi Bazzar	76 0 0	11 4 0
Rapeseed, Brown Delhi	11 0 0	11 8 0
" " Cawnpore	11 0 0	11 8 0
" Yellow Cawnpore ..	12 0 0	12 8 0
Linseed Brown Bold	12 12 0	13 4 0
" Thin	12 6 0	13 14 0
Teelseed White 85-15	100 0 0	----
" Gajar 75.25	95 0 0	----
" Gajar 50.50	90 0 0	----
" Black	85 0 0	----
Poppyseed, White	15 12 0	16 0 0
Groundnut	95 0 0	----
Mowraseed	7 4 0	----
Barley	47 0 0	7 4 0
Castorseed	65 0 0	13 4 0
Forwards	Rs. as. p.	
Wheat April-May	2 2 0	
Linseed May	14 2 0	

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Bombay, Dec. 24th.
Rate per 1-6.

	Rs. as. p.
Davids No. 10	1 1 0
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Simplex No 10	1 0 0
Curimbhais No. 12½	1 0 6
Light Houses No. 64	0 14 0

BOMBAY EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, Dec. 24th.

	Market Rates.
Bank Telegraphs	1 5 15½
Bank Demand	1 6 1
Doc. Acceptance 3 m/s	1 6 6¼
Fcs. Demand	193½
American Dollars	278½
Hongkong "	226½
Shnaghai	345
Japan	148½
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	PRINCES DOCK.				
A	Burrambert	1581	N. F.	N F	R I M
B.	Kofuku Maru	3385	Japan	2-1-19	O S Kaisha
C & R	Clan Maclean	3033	Liverpool	1-1-19	J F. & Co
D & E	Lightening	2123	N F	N F	M & Co
F	Loyalty	3032	N F	N F	R I M
K	British Emperde	2182	Mahomerah	N F	S Wallace & Co
M.	Jehangir	3341	N F	N F	R I M
N.	Fanestrand	2320	N F	NF	Ore Shipping Agency
P.	St. Geran	295	Mauritius	N F	M Kaisha
Q.	E J Spence	573	Calcutta	N F	D B Khan
	HARBOUR WALL.				
	Courland	760	Karachi	25-12-18	B S N Co
	Kaveri	553	N F	N F	B S N Co
	Oporto	460	Marmagoa	25-12-18	B S N Co
	Ponani	552	Bhawnagar	25-12-18	B S N Co
	Sabarmati	523	N F	N F	B S N Co
	MEREWETHER DRY DOCK.				
	Solwig Spogland	3862	N F	25-12-18	C. Mancherji & Sons
	VICTORIA DOCK.				
1	Celebes Maru	4267	Kobe	5-1-19	O S Kaisha
2	Olympia	3272	Liverpool	6-1-19	W & A Graham & Co
3	Saigon Maru	2771	Marseilles	24-12-18	O S Kaisha
5	Bah rein	1103	Aden	28-12-18	T Morrison & Co
6	Kosoku Maru	2003	Kobe	31-12-18	N Y Kaisha
7	Lhasa	969	..	N F N F	R I M
12	Kenkon Maru No. 3	2342	..	N F	H S Shastary
16	Shushtar	1718	Suez	N F	P G S N Co
	ALEXANDRA DOCK.				
1	Ismailia	3381	N F	N F	M M & Co
3	Varsova	1957	N F	N F	M M & co
4	Baroda	3172	N F	N F	M M & Co
5	Torilla	3189	N F	29-12-18	M M & Co
9	Manora	4491	N F	N F	M M & Co
7	Hefaz	2483	N F	N F	M M & Co
8	St. Albans	2538	London	31-12-18	R I M
9	Parnea	2120	Bussreh	27-12-18	M M & Co
11	Javan	3806	London	2-1-19	M M & Co
12	Chyebassa	6249	London	2-1-19	M M & Co
13	Hanyang	1207	China	24-12-18	R I M
14	Muttra	7156	N F	30-12-18	R I M
15	City of Sparta	3493	N F	27-12-18	R I M
16	Ravenshae	2354	N F	25-12-18	R I M
	Jetty Dorgola	4742	N F	26-12-18	M M & Co
	DOCK MOLE.				
V.	Heemskerk	1366	N F	N F	R I M
	HARBOUR WALL.				
	Turbo	2878	Rangoon	23-12-18	Asiatic Petroleum Co

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Steamer Manora for Karachi.

BOMBAY POST OFFICE SECTION.

Bombay, Dec. 24th.

		Total up-to-date.	
War Bonds	Rs. ..	Rs.	..
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Total ..	806		7,50,382-12

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EXCESS PROFITS TAX.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—It surprised me not a little to read in your yesterday's issue a condemnation of the "Excess Profits Tax Bill." There are some features of it now emerging (in the full text of it now published) which deserve to be condemned, e.g., the obvious effort in favour of the Jute trade (a European trade). One is glad to note that with your usual solicitude for the people's cause you have exposed these. It is, however, seriously open to question whether the attitude of wholesale opposition to this Bill that you assume is strictly in the interests of the people.

To begin with it has to be admitted that the additional burden of 45 millions on the Indian Exchequer engineered through the legislative Council is extremely unjust and has been secured by a most reprehensible breach of propriety. The member in charge knew full well the stuff of which the majority of the non-official members were made and hence he played the farce of leaving his resolution to the mercy of these, and thereby succeeded in placing the bolder minority in an awkward corner. Even before the war it was generally admitted that there was no margin left for any increase in taxation and in the last three or four years the general public of India has been groaning under the hardships caused by a tremendous rise in prices—a rise entirely disproportionate to the rise in average incomes.

For the last four years all work conducive to national progress, especially educational and sanitary, had to be slowed down as these departments were being starved owing to enormous war expenditure. Now all the while firms and individuals have been making unheard of profits which they can hardly be said to have earned. The nation suffered the hardships and they reaped the advantage. In all other countries such earnings have been heavily taxed (even so far as 80 per cent.) since the beginning of the war. And it would have been likewise in India if it had not affected the interests of an influential class of persons (European merchants) whom the Government did neither dare nor wish to offend.

You complain that "if as the financial member said in 1916 such a tax was not suitable for this country.....nothing has subsequently happened to justify a change from this situation." Now, if it is once admitted that the tax is desirable, it matters little if the financial member in proposing it to-day (1918) is inconsistent with himself (of 1916); and it matters still less if the beneficial change is due to 'pressure from the United Kingdom.' Another objection that you raise is that the firms have distributed their profits and that some of them have suffered losses by the cessation of the war. As for the first, little requires to be said for those who have received abnormal dividends are the only persons who will suffer in the end by this levy; as far the second it requires to be pointed out that the losses thus suffered are in general very small as compared with the huge profits earned continuously for such a long period.

The economic disturbances and the industrial set back that you predict—this has no doubt some truth in it. But it will not after all be so serious as you make it out to be. The tax is but temporary and can hardly have a serious permanent effect on business or industry. Moreover what is proposed to be abstracted is only 50 per cent of the excess profit leaving in the hands of the persons who direct the industry an equal sum (over and above their normal profits) for the furtherance of their industry. Now every additional pie left with them may equally well be said to mean so much encouragement. But this can surely be no ground for exempting them from any equitable tax.

Now in spite of the justice or the necessity of the case, it is quite natural that those who have got actually to pay—be they Europeans or Indians—should protest vehemently against the Bill and should threaten that dire results will follow from it. And the expected has not failed to happen. The various Chambers of Commerce are indignant at this new imposition. But I cannot understand why the Bill which is just and necessary in principle (some details do require modification as I admitted in the beginning) should be opposed by the general public simply because it is not pleasant to a small and interested section.—Yours, etc.

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A DISHONEST METER INSPECTOR.

At the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. Frank Oliveira, yesterday, Superintendent Kavasji J. Petigara of the C. I. D. charged Pandurung Narayan Hate, a meter inspector in the employ of the Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Company, with cheating the Company in respect of a sum of money amounting to Rs. 96 and with committing forgery for the purpose of cheating by altering figures in a meter-book of the Company. Mr. Vicaji F. Vicaji, Barrister-at-law, appeared for the Company, while Mr. K. F. Nariman, pleader, defended the accused.

It was alleged that Kalikaran Khankhanram owed the Company money for 2648 units of electric power for working three flour mills, but it is further alleged, the accused, for some consideration altered the figures in the meter-book and reduced the total number of units to 1020, which meant a loss of about Rs. 96 to the Company.

The accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a day's simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 150.

THEFT OF STAMPS.

A CLERK SENTENCED.

At the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. Frank Oliveira, yesterday, Inspector Ragunathrao Tavde of the C. I.D. charged Anantrao Sukerji Manker, a share transfer clerk in the employ of Messrs. Killick Nixon and Company, with theft as a servant on three different occasions of used Government stamps of the collective value of Rs. 120 and with removing cancelled stamps from certain documents, and, with intent to cause loss of revenue to Government, using the stamps on other transfer forms of share certificates lodged with the firm of Messrs. Killick Nixon and Company. Mr. Gadkari, pleader, defended the accused.

It was alleged that some stamps were recently found missing from the file of the transfer deeds of the Central India Mining Company, and it was subsequently found that the accused had removed cancelled stamps from the transfer deeds of the Kohinur Mills and other joint stock companies under the management of Messrs. Killick Nixon and Company, and applied them to new transfer forms.

The accused pleaded guilty. He said he had removed stamps to the value of Rs. 200 or Rs. 300 in this way, and that he had spent the money on his mother who had been ill. He started removing the stamps three months ago.

Mr. Gadkari asked the Court to pass a lenient sentence, in view of the accused's past services and of the fact that he had hitherto borne a good character.

The Magistrate said the offences charged against the accused were of a serious nature and the accused had systematically pilfered used stamps and used them again. Taking into consideration his past service and the character he had borne, the Magistrate sentenced him to an aggregate term of six weeks' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 225, in default, to three months' further rigorous imprisonment.

JINNAH PEOPLE'S MEMORIAL HALL.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—I beg to enclose herewith my smallest share i.e., Rs. 5 rupees five only towards the fund known as the "Jinnah People's Memorial Hall."

I shall feel highly obliged if you will not deny me the courtesy of giving a little space in your valuable paper, as I was struck dumb to see the account of the Town Hall meeting given by the "Times of India."

The huge Town Hall meeting has come and gone. There is no doubt that its miserable fate has taught a lesson to the citizens of Bombay and they are not likely to forget it. Evidently the Sheriff and Mr. Vincent had to be taught by the true citizens that the Town Hall is the sacred temple of the public and not the private parlour of either the Sheriff or any one else. The doors of the Town Hall have got to be closed and opened by the citizens of Bombay. In regard to the proposed memorial to the Governor, I beg to say that every honest and patriotic Indian is rejoicing at the victory of public opinion of Bombay over sycophancy and flatterers are doomed from 11th December. The credit of this is especially due to the charming leadership and heroic services of the Hon. Mr. Jinnah to whom the public really owe a memorial. Besides, Mr. Jinnah souvenirs should also be given to other leaders who have done all in their power and stood by his side throughout to bring Mr. Jinnah's achievements to a success. But let me not forget his noble partner Mrs. Jinnah. Her fearlessness in coming to the Town Hall meeting is I believe unique in the History of Bombay.—Yours, etc.

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TO-DAY.

Christmas Day, Bank Holiday.
Combined Christmas Service Esplanade Maidan opposite Elphinstone High School, 5-15 p.m.

THURSDAY, December, 26.

Boxing Day, Bank Holiday.
Bombay 3rd Extra Meeting, Mahaluxhmi Race Course. First Race starts at 2-45 p.m.

FRIDAY, December, 27.

Dr. C. Coutinho's Lecture on "Precautions against Cholera," Sanitary Institute, 5-30 p.m.

SATURDAY, Dec. 28.

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Mails for Charbar, Muscat, Henjam, Bahrein, Bushire, Bunder-Abbas, Linga, Gwadar, and Duba close, General Post Office, 8 a.m.

AMUSEMENTS.

Royal Opera House: at 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
Palace of Varieties: Gaiety Theatre, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
Excelsior Theatre: no performance by the Bandman Opera Co. Cinema at 6-30 and 9-45 p.m.
Empire Cinema: at 4-30, 6-30, 8-15 and 10 p.m.
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BAND AT THE BOMBAY RACES.

The Band of the 1st F. S. Gn. Bn. South Staffordshire Regt. will play a programme of music at the Bombay Races, to-morrow.

Y. M. C. A. CONCERT.

The usual Christmas Day Concert has been arranged this year by Mr. Laurance Smith at George's Hospital, to-day.

A NEW SAW MILL IN BOMBAY.

The enterprising proprietor of the Chotani Saw Mill situate on Sewree Bunder, Mr. Mia Mohomed Haji Jan Mohomed Chotani, J. P. intends to establish another Saw Mill on the Sewree Road near Cotton Depot, for which he has already secured a large area of Port Trust land, measuring about 9,500 square yards. The Mill will be equipped with all upto date sawing machinery, which has been purchased at a considerable outlay, and it is proposed to drive the machine with electrical power for which [illegible] have been made. It is intended to name the New Mill as "The Victory Saw Mill and Timber Works" in commemoration of the Great Victory the Allies have won in the present Historical War; the foundation stone of which in all probability will be laid on the commencement of the New Year.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE.

The management of the Royal Opera House has obtained for the Christmas Holidays a very fine cinema programme, which will be seen for the first time at 6-30 and 10 o'clock tonight. The chief film is a five reel drama entitled "Her Own Way" and is a 'Metro product. At first glance there is nothing in this announcement to distinguish the present picture from the ordinary run of first-clas films shown here, so it must be supplemented by the statement that the star is Miss Florence Reed. Miss Reed is the foremost actress in America, both on the stage and the screen. She is best known to Bombay movie enthusiasts for her brilliant work in Pathe pictures, notably "New York." This film, "Her Own Way," gives her a wonderful opportunity of displaying her genius. It is the story of a beautiful girl who has two lovers; the one a rogue and the other a typical hero. By interfering with the girl's brother's Wall Street speculations and ruining him, the former gets a strong hold over the girl, and his plot develops until he actually leads her to the altar. But here, with dramatic suddenness, the other lover appears, and in a few brief words he saves the heroine from her terrible plight.

WILSON HIGH SCHOOL.

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual distribution of prizes and school social took place on the 23rd instant, in the school hall, which was gaily beflagged. Amongst those present were Prof. and Mrs. Maclean and Prof. Hamley. The proceedings were opened with a prayer by Principal Rev. J. R. Cuthbert. After an interesting programme of hymns, songs, dialogues and elocution competition, the secretary of the Debating Society read the Society's report. The prizes were given away to the happy recipients by Mrs. Maclean.

Mr. Keluskar, then, on behalf of the staff said, that the strong position, which the school has steadily maintained in the Presidency was due to the Principal's untiring zeal, and his sympathetic treatment of the staff and pupils. The results in the public examinations were also a proof of the leading place occupied by the school under Mr. Cuthbert. The recent Report of the Inspector also testified to the high tone and efficient teaching imparted.

Prof. Maclean was then handed a small souvenir by the staff for having acted for Mr. Cuthbert during his absence in Scotland on furlough and wished Mr. and Mrs. Maclean *bon voyage* and god-speed. Prof. Maclean expressed thanks for kind references made and also for the token of remembrance.

The chairman having made a short speech called on an Indian officer from Kashmir who had served on all the fronts to speak to the pupils. This having been done, votes of thanks to the chairman, the singing of the National Anthem, in Marathi, and cheers to the King-Emperor, Principal and Mr. and Mrs. Maclean, terminated the interesting function. The party partook of refreshments before dispersing.

SPORTING NEWS.

TO-MORROW'S RACES.

FORECAST.

(By Our Racing Correspondent.)

As it is known that it is not always the best horses that run to advantage in a big field everything depending, as it is, on the start, position, etc., the public naturally undergo certain risk in making their selection.

The Bhuleshwar Plate (2nd Division)—Distance 7 furlongs.

On last Saturday's running we like

SIR MARTIN	1
COMPETITION	2
PORTCULLIS	3

JAWAD is reported to be even better than MERRILY; if such is the case he will upset the apple cart easily.

The Bhuleshwar Plate (1st Division)—Distance 7 furlongs.

For this division we like

INVESTOR	1
RESOLD	2
CINGALEE	3
SILVER STREAK	Fluke.

The Ripon Plate.—Distance 1 mile.

On last Saturday's running

MATCHLESS MAUD	1
SUNGLARE	2
BATTEN	3

The X'mas Plate—Distance 7 furlongs.

GLADIATOR	1
MISS ROLLESTONE	2
ROYAL BAND	3

The Brighton Plate.—Distance 5 furlongs.

FINE TROUT	1
LUCKY QUEEN	2
DOLLET	3

The Vihar Plate.—Distance 7 furlongs.

It seems to be a gift for NIZAM-UL-MULK with this weight in the Vihar Plate ROYAL COURT will be a sure second and RED CROSS with 9-3 is sure to be in the picture. GOOD MORNING who has improved wonderfully, is a reliable fluke.

The Bandra Plate.—Distance 6 furlongs.

WARMINSTER	1
DEFENDER	2
FOUR ACES	3
TIT-BITS	Fluke.

CALCUTTA RACES.

FIRST MEETING 2ND DAY.

(From our Correspondent.)

CALCUTTA Dec. 24.

By far the majority of the backers must have come home after the races. sadder. but wiser men, as favourite after favourite failed to materialise. Out of the seven events that were discussed to-day a favourite won only once, and the remaining six races outsiders came in, although Sea Lad, it must be admitted, was sound second favourite. One feature of to-day's racing was the success of horses. whose number was one five such winning, in the course of the afternoon. Verge was the only favourite to materialise, but his victory did not bring much comfort to the backers, as his price was never greater than evens.

The failure of Symptoms, Step Aside, Royal Ambition, and Nancy O'Neil of Wolfram and Tarquin, Red Duke and Amphitry on and Gracefield and Carpe Diem spelt disaster to many. The racing did not produce many exciting finishes, but the Merchants' Cup Race compensated for the lack of it, Templeman rode at his best and squezed Cyanite, passed the post winner by a short head.

The International Pony Plate might have been productive of good racing but for Symptons getting off none too well. Attendance was very large at all the enclosures, and the weather was refreshingly pleasant.

Details:—

THE SERPENTINE HURDLE PLATE.—Distance 2 miles.

Mr. Scott's SEA LAD, 11-12, Hayhoe 1
Mr. Page's TARFOOT, 11-6, Barkar 2
Mr. Titwillow's LITTLE ARCH. 9-10, Williamson 3

Also ran:—Molly D 8-12 (cd. 9-0).

Betting:—7 to 4 Tarfoot, twos Sea Lad. threes Little Arch, sixes the others.

Tote paid:—Win Rs. 34; Places Rs. 16 and Rs. 14.

The race:—Molly D, Tarfoot, Little Arch and Sea Lad was the order for the first mile. Then Molly D retired and Tarfoot led with Sea Lad, second. Half a mile from home, Sea Lad went to the front and sailed in an easy winner by 2½ lengths, 3 lengths between second and third.

Time:—4 mins. 2/5 secs.

THE PADDOCK PLATE. Division II.—Distance 1 mile.

Messrs. Swan and Hilliard's BRAGGART, 9-0, Pullin 1
Messrs. Gujadhar's CHERT, 8-7, Northmore 2
Mr. Page's PARTOQUIN. 8-5, Rose 3

Also ran:—Wolfram 8-12, Santicota 8-11, Davoir 8-11, Fugle Lady 8-11, Sunny Time 8-2 (cd. 8-3), Aquae Solis 8-0 (cd. 8-1). Videawee 8-13, Fakon Queen 7-13.

Betting:—3 to 2 Wolfram, sixes Santicota, Fugle Lady, fives Tarquin, twelves and more the rest.

Tote paid:—Win Rs. 199; Places Rs. 58, Rs. 48 and Rs. 19.

The race:—Sunny Time was the first to show out from Fugle Lady, Chert and Beauvoir. Then came Tarquin and Braggart. Reaching the straight the leader retired and Chert took it up for a short time, but then Braggart came in strong and won in a canter by 1½ lengths, 1½ lengths between second and third.

Time:—1 min. 43 2/5 secs.

THE BENGAL CUP.—Distance 7 furlongs.

Mr. Ghorpadi's MAIDEN PALM, 7-11, S. I. Meekings 1
Mr. R. R. S.'s BLACK FRIAR, 7-13, Pullin 2
Mr. Singh's WEE LAD, 8-11, Ruiz 3

Also ran:—Red Duke 9-12, Aubrey 8-9, Babugarh 7-10, Amphitryon 7-7, Red Virgin 6-7.

Betting:—5 to 2 Red Duke, Amphitryon, fours Black Friar, sixes Wee Lad, fifteens the rest.

Tote paid:—Win Rs. 142; Places Rs. 30, Rs. 19 and Rs. 19.

The race:—Babugarh was left. Wee Lad jumped out with a good lead with Maiden Palm second, Red Virgin third and then Red Duke. A furlong from home Wee Lad compounded and Maiden Palm won easily by 2 lengths, 1½ lengths between second and third.

Time:—1 min. 30 secs.

THE CALCUTTA PLATE.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mr. Goculdass' VERGE, 9-10, Huxley 1
Mr. Walsh's NECESSITY, 7-10, Northmore 2
Mr. R. R. S.'s QUARRYMAN, 9-3, Templeman 3

Also ran:—Louviers d'Or 9-3, Star of India 7-10.

Betting:—Evens Verge, twos Quarryman, eights Louviers d'Or, twelves the others.

Tote paid:—Win Rs. 22; Places Rs. 16 and Rs. 29.

The race:—From off a good start Quarryman was the quickest in his stride with Louviers d'Or and Necessity next. From near the distance post Verge made his run and soon setting the pretensions off all won by a length, a head between second and third.

Time:—1 min. 14 3/5 secs.

THE MERCHANTS' CUP.—Distance 1½ miles.

Mr. R. R. S.'s CYANITE, 9-5, Templeman 1
Mrs. Ainsworth's LITTLE NAN, 8-12, Rose 2
Mr. Galstaun's GUNNING, 8-3, Flynn 3

Also ran:—Bright Bird 8-3, Wolfaline 9-1, Royal Ambition 9-0, Sophie 8-13, Reigning Star 8-2, Nancy O'Neil 8-0, Flotelle 7-11, Harvest Home 7-6, Little Star 7-3.

Betting:—5 to 2 Royal Ambition, threes Nancy O'Neil, fours Sophie, fives Cyanite, eights Wolfaline, Little Nan, Harvest Home, fifteens the rest.

Tote paid:—Win Rs. 90; Places Rs. 43, Rs. 37 and Rs. 90.

The race:—Reigning Star, Little Nan and Wolfaline was the order at the start. On settling down they showed the way to Harvest Home, Sophie and Bright Bird. Reigning Star continued to lead till they turned the straight. He fell off soon after and Little Nan took it up from Gunning. Cyanite now appeared on the scene and after a great finish home won by a short head, ¾ length between second and third.

Time:—2 mins. 36 1/5 secs.

THE PADDOCK PLATE. Division I.—Distance 1 mile.

Mr. Dee's TUFA, 8-0, J. Harrison 1
Mr. Galstaun's FRISETTE, 9-7, Rose ... 2
Mr. Bartleet's SUNGREBE, 8-1, S. I. Meekings 3

Also ran:—Midsand 8-0 (ed. 8-1), Gracefield 9-9, Spearwood 9-6, Second Sight 9-6, Hapton 8-12, Carpe Diem 8-5, Meridian 8-0.

Betting:—5 to 2 Gracefield, fives Carpe Diem, sevens Frisette, Tufa, Idlewild, longer prices the others.

Tote paid:—Win Rs. 103; Places Rs. 29, Rs. 31 and Rs. 41.

The race:—Sungrebe, Tufa and Second Sight was the order at the start. Then came Meridian and Midsand. Others sailed off. From near the distance Tufa went to the head of affairs and staffing off a challenge from Frisette won by 1½ lengths, 1½ lengths between second and third.

Time:—1 min. 32 secs.

THE INTERNATIONAL PONY PLATE.—Distance 7 furlongs.

Mr. Allan's NAREB, 9-12, Ruiz 1
Mr. Goculdass' SYMPTOMS, 9-7, Huxley 2
Mr. Bates' MASONIC, 7-13, Northmore ...

Also ran:—Step Aside 9-5, Lulad 9-3, Bachelor's Prospect 8-12.

Betting:—3 to 2 Symptoms and Step Aside, eights Bachelor's Prospect, Masonic and Lady Bundy, fifteens the others.

Tote paid:—Win Rs. 81; Places Rs. 36 and Rs. 22.

The race:—Nareb jumped off with the lead with Bachelor's Prospect next, with Masonic third. Symptoms did not get a good start. Nareb led all through. Won by 3 length, 1½ lengths between second and third.

Time:—1 min. 22 3/5 secs.

AGA KHAN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

SIGNALLERS BEAT PAYCUTTERS IN FINAL.

(Associated Press.)

POONA, Dec. 23.

The tie between the 38th Divisional Signal Company and the Paycutters in the final of the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament was replayed this evening, and resulted in a win for the Signallers by one goal to nil. Both sides played a rattling good game and it was in the last three minutes that the only goal scored in the evening was put up Major Gener. Tighe presented the cup to the winning team, after congratulating both the teams.

MONTGOMERY BRIBERY APPEAL CASE.

EXTRA-ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER ACQUITTED.

(Associated Press.)

LAHORE, Dec. 23.

Sir Henry Rattigan, Chief Judge, and Justice Scottsmith, in the Chief Court, today, pronounced orders in the Montgomery bribery case appeals, in which Pundit Amarnath Mattoo, Extra Assistant Commissioner, Ferozepore, was convicted for taking illegal gratification under section 161, Penal Code, and sentenced by Major Irvine, Sessions Judge, acting as Special Magistrate, Montgomery, to two years' imprisonment. The charges against the appellant were that at Ferozepore on or about the 6th September, 1916, he had accepted a bribe of Rs. 300 from one Daulat Ram as motive for showing favour to one Nanak Chand and others who were accused in the case under section 347, Penal Code, then pending in the appellant's court, and secondly, that at Ferozepore, between February 23rd and 29th, 1916, he accepted a bribe of Rs. 200 from one Musat Karam on behalf of her son Balwant Singh who was the complainant in the case under sections 426 and 352, Penal Code, then pending in his court for his motive for showing favour to Balwant Singh.

In these proceedings their Lordships after discussing all evidence in the first case and allegations of police pressure on Daulat Ram, the prosecution witnesses, and statements in the court of two leading pleaders of Ferozepore in that connection found that the prosecution had failed to prove the charge, while as to the second charge their Lordships did not regard all the prosecution evidence to be true and found it unsafe to base conviction on the uncorroborated evidence of an old woman of no position and who had motive for having her story fall in with the police view.

Their Lordships accordingly accepted the appeal and acquitted the appellant on counts, holding that the appellant's in Balwant Singh's case was free from suspicious circumstances.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER.

(Associated Press.)

SIMLA, Dec., 2

The only rain reported is the fall of and half inches at Morgui. Condi feebly insettled along the North Frontier and in central parts of country.

Forecast:—No great change.

FIRE AT ALEXANDRA DOCK

RS. 50,000 DAMAGE.

A fire broke out yesterday morning in No. 3 Shed of Alexandra Dock, and damage was done to the extent of Rs. 50,000. The shed contained bags of bran and smoke was first seen coming from them. The Military and the Port Trust people at once started attack with the hydrants that were at hand. In the meantime the fire engines arrived on the scene and started operations under Mr. Hudington who found that the bags of grain and bran were being more damaged by water than fire. He therefore ordered the bags that were not on fire to be removed to a distance, and the fire was then extinguished. There were some 3,500 bags of bran 5,300 bags of oats and 1,800 of gram in addition to other stores, stored in the shed.

The cause of the fire is not known.

JUSTICE IN SUBORDINATE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Apropos of the questions asked in the Legislative Council meetings held in the months of March, September, and December it would not be out of place to write a few lines showing what an amount of discontent and dissatisfaction has been created in the Subordinate Judicial Service during the current year. I trust that these lines would attract the attention of his Excellency Sir George Lloyd, the new Governor of Bombay, and the authorities concerned and the glaring injustice which is being done to the faithful and loyal servants of Government who are serving in the Judicial Department in these hard times in the hope of geting the post of Sub-Judges is one which requires to be set right at the earliest opportunity and by doing so the new Governor will earn the gratitude and blessings of people whose lot has been made miserable by not allowing them an opportunity to reach the goal with which idea they joined the service in the prime of their life. The unfortunate few are those who are serving on posts qualifying the incumbents for the posts of Sub-Judges whose names have been retained on the list of candidates eligible for the posts of Sub-Judges after reconsideration of the question of the reduction in the number of qualifying posts. Some of them have taken the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1907, 1910, 1912 and 1913 and still it is surprising to find that pleaders who have taken the degree in Laws in 1911 and 1914 and who are younger in age and experience than the incumbents of qualifying posts are being appointed Sub-Judges at the sacrifice of the claims, interests and future prospects of the former. What is most wonderful is that the age-bar of 30 years, which was so rigidly adhered to in former years, is at present relaxed in almost all cases, one knows not why. If this be a sort of notice to the above unfortunate few that their chances of appointment to the posts of Sub-Judges are as remote as has been candidly told to the other incumbents of qualifying posts, let Government inform them in plain words so that they may find out their fortunes elsewhere instead of allowing golden opportunities to pass away in the hope of getting the post of a Sub-Judge in near future. There are only a few of these unfortunate men and it would be only just and proper that they should be provided first and then the new rule of giving appointments to pleaders be put in force because this arrangement would remove the grievance of the former without prejudicing in any way the interests of the latter who would not grudge the claims of the deserving few being considered first.

I cut short being afraid of occupying your valuable space in the hope that the British Government which is noted all the world over for *Justice* and *Fair Play* would not tolerate for a single moment the glaring injustice that is being meted out to the unfortunate few L. L. Bs. who are serving in the subordinate service of the Judicial Department on qualifying posts and who are likely to administer justice when appointed as Sub-Judges. I appeal to his Excellency Sir George Lloyd to go into the question of appointments of Sub-Judges and set right the claims of his Excellency's loyal and faithful servants.—Yours, etc.,

JUSTICE AND FAIR PLAY.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

A PLUCKY BURMA REGISTRAR.

(Associated Press.)

RANGOON, Dec. 23.

Mr. J. H. Nedman, senior Registrar, Burma Secretariat, who died on Sunday in his 47th year, was originally in the Irrawaddy Flotilla Coy. Some years ago he caught a thief who entered in a house and only succeeded in securing him after he had cut off the man's arm. In 1915 he shot a thief of a dangerous gang who had entered his house by night. After this the gang ceased to operate.

FRANCHISE COMMITTTEE AT CALCUTTA

(Associated Press.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24

The Franchise and Subjects Committees [illegible]orm Scheme in their Calcutta [illegible]xamine forty-five witnesses representing twenty different [illegible]They include twelve Euro- Bengalee Mahomedans, [illegible]f- two Marwaris, two Anglo-In- Indian Christian.

[illegible] OF MAHARAJA OF FARIDKOT.

[illegible]SOCIATED PRESS.)

LAHORE, Dec. 24.

[illegible] of Faridkot died on Mon-

INDIAN WAR LOAN.

PAYMENT OF INTEREST.

(Associated Press.)

DELHI, Dec. 24.

The following Press Communiqué is issued:—Investors in the Indian War Loan of 1917, who received temporary scrip as a substitute for bearer bonds, are informed that the bearer bonds have now arrived in India. The payment of the next half yearly interest, which will be due on the 15th February, 1919, will be made as on the previous occasion on the production of the temporary scrip. But the latter will not be returned to holders who will receive together with the payment orders for their interest the new bearer bonds with unpaid coupons attached from the Public Debt Office at Calcutta, Bombay or Madras as the case may be. The holders of the temporary scrip may at their option tender in person or forward it by post to any of the Public Debt Offices abovementioned. Holders not resident in one of the Presidency towns may forward their temporary scrip to the Public Debt Office concerned either direct or at their option through the nearest treasury. If the scrip is forwarded direct to the Public Debt Office intimation should be given to the latter of the treasury at which the payment of interest on the bearer bond is desired. If the scrip is forwarded through a treasury it will be assumed that payment is desired at that treasury.

HOLDERS IN BURMA.

As regards holders of temporary scrip who are resident in Burma the procedure will be slightly different from that mentioned above. The scrip will be forwarded to the Accountant-General, Burma, who will issue an interest payment order to the treasury named by the holder and will thereafter forward the scrip to the Public Debt Office, Calcutta, for issue of the bond direct to the holder. In all cases the temporary scrip would be receipted by the holder on the reverse in the space for the purpose. As bearer bonds will be issued only in denominations of Rs. 100, Rs. 500, Rs. 1,000, Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 25,000 the holders should, if they have any special preference in the matter, specify in the receipt referred to above the number of bonds of each denomination required by them.

FOOD CROPS IN SIND.

SUGGESTION'S FOR INCREASING PRODUCTION.

(Associated Press.)

KARACHI, Dec. 23.

As the result of the deliberations of the Committee appointed to consider the question of increasing production of food crops in Sind, the following recommendations have been made:—That the municipalities be recommended to make available for agricultural use only all products of scavenging; that efforts be made to stimulate full use of irrigation wells for growing grain crops and that *takavi* be advanced for construction and repair of such wells; that Government be asked to issue orders to Khatedars or renters of more than ten acres to put not less than one-third of their cultivation under ereal or pulse crops; that food grains and particularly wheat should receive preferential issue of water from Government canals and tanks as against non-food crops according to the conditions of each locality; that on perennial canals water should not be allowed to be used for the purpose of irrigation land, for sowing of cotton after June 30 and that cotton should not be allowed to take water until October 30; that dry beds of tanks should be given out for cultivation of cereals wherever possible; that suitable wastelands be given out for temporary cultivation on easy terms. Such lands should be given out in *kharif* for food crops only and for *juari* and *bajri* wherever possible in preference to rice, since rice takes much more water than *juari* and *bajri* and produces smaller volume of food for water consumed for *rabi*. It is recommended that *ek-sali* land be given out for wheat only, wherever this can be grown or for barley in the lar, where wheat does not flourish; that cultivation of oil-seeds be discouraged wherever cereal and pulse crops can be grown; that in view of scarcity of fodder as well as of grain cultivation of adhawa (spring) *juari* be encouraged as much as possible; that as the inundation of the current year has shown emphatically the necessity of scientific rotation, steps should be taken to provide regulators on canals wherever required; that clearance of canals should be completed by April 30th at the latest and that Zemindars should be encouraged to take up clearance contracts and that agricultural department should through the Sind Publicity Board and affiliated local committees distribute pamphlets broadcast, emphasizing the necessity of increasing the cultivation of food crops and showing simple improvement possible in indigenous methods of agriculture with indigenous implements. Also durbars should be held under the presidency of Collectors, Sub-Divisional Officers, and Mukhtyarkars to explain and distribute these pamphlets and that *afrinamas* and other awards should be offered for good cultivation of food crops.

QUESTIONS BEFORE THE CONGRESS.

REORGANIZATION OF BRITISH COMMITTEE.

(From a Correspondent.)

NAGPUR, Dec. 18.

Referring to the Delhi Congress the "Maharashtra" says: The real question before the Delhi Congress is how to make India's voice heard at the Peace Conference. A Deputation to England and a Congress in London are the only ways. But the danger is only Moderate Delegates may get passports and they cannot be trusted to faithfully represent the Congress view. So passports is the real stumbling block. The joining of the Moderates is thus not an unmixed good. The Congress must also consider the reorganisation of the British Congress Committee, which does not represent the Congress. Until it is reorganised and "India" placed under a national Indian editor, contributions should be suspended.

CITY'S MORTALITY.

A WELCOME DECLINE.

The total mortality in the city during the twenty-four hours ending 6 a.m. yesterday was 177 as against 225 in the preceding twenty-four hours and 104 in the corresponding period of last year. There were 57 attacks and 48 deaths from cholera on Monday, as compared with 89 and 89 respectively on Sunday.

The total mortality was as follows in the different wards of the city on Monday: Fort Ward 6, Mandvi Ward 20, Bhuleshwar Ward 30, Girgaum Ward 20, Byculla Ward 40, Parel Ward 23, Mahim Ward 23 and hospitals 15.

SIR JAMES MESTON AND INDIAN MERCHANTS.

A DISCLAIMER.

(Associated Press.)

DELHI Dec. 24.

The Hon. Sir James Meston, Finance Member, has addressed the following letter to the press: Sir, in a recent issue, you published an account of a meeting of the Indian Merchants' Chamber and Bureau which took place at Bombay on the 18th instant. Certain inaccuracies have crept into the report of the remarks which I made in reply to the speech by the Hon. Mr. C. V. Mehta, the President of the Chamber. Speaking on the Excess Profits Duty, I am reported as having said that the responsibility for the Bill was not mine. This is certainly incorrect and nothing could have been further from my intention than any such disclaimer. Again the statement is assigned to me of preferring Indian securities if they offered an equal degree of security. The sentence is meaningless, but presumably refers to the investment of the paper currency reserve. What I said was that Indian securities were unobjectionable for this purpose if they afforded an equal degree of assurance with sterling investments of being made available in an emergency to secure the encashment of our paper money. I should be obliged if you will insert this correction. Yours faithfully,

J. S. MESTON.

Delhi, 24th Dec., 1918.

BURMA RAILWAY CO.

(Associated Press.)

RANGOON, D[illegible]

The Burma Railways Company [illegible] clared a fund dividend of 2½ per c[illegible] bonus of 1½, making with the inte[illegible] dend of 1½ on guaranteed dividend per cent. a total dividend of 7½ per the year, less tax.

SARASWAT VIDYARTHI SAHAYAK MANDAL.

The Hon. Secretary of the S. V. S. Mandali reports that Mr. Atmaram Shivram Divadkar has become a Life-member of the Mandali by paying a subscription of Rs. 101 and has also forwarded a sum of Rs. 151 for founding a prize in the name of Mrs. Parvatibai Madhavrav Moreshwar Pandit.

The combined anniversary and conference of the Bharat Dharma Mahamandal and Indraprastha Sanatan Dharma Mandal will be celebrated in Delhi at the Queen's Gardens on the 27th, 28th and 29th December, 1918, with great eclat. Many delegates, including Rajas and Maharajas, are expected to attend it.

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To-day being Christmas Day, the offices of "The Bombay Chronicle" will remain closed. There will, therefore, be no issue of the paper on Thursday.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

P. V. G.—We regret we cannot accept your contribution.
"A Disgusted Guest."—You must write to the organisers of the sports.
A. K. S.—The question has been finally settled.
G. H. KARMARKAR.—We regret we cannot publish your letter
RAMKRISHNA MEHTHA.—He has earned enough undying notoriety without a bad poem to commemorate his career.

THE BOMBAY CHRONICLE.
Wednesday, 25th December, 1918.

INDIA'S OPPORTUNITY.

The Indian National Congress begins its session to-morrow in Imperial Delhi amidst circumstances unparalleled in the history not merely of India but of the whole civilized world. For three decades and more, it has held aloft the banner of India's freedom, in spite of disabilities and difficulties such as have seldom beset the path of subject nationalities struggling towards self-realisation. To the almost insuperable difficulties presented by the internal conditions of the country—largely the legacy of an immediate past of blunders, apathies and internecine jealousies—were superadded the disabilities resulting from the misdeeds and omissions of an alien though benevolent despotism. The potency of these disabilities was enhanced by the very nature of the despotism, differing as it did from the despotism of frank and unblushing obscurantists and reactionaries which would have inevitably brought about its own fall. For, this despotism was as much propped up by its audacious hypocrisies as it was mitigated by its occasional genuine moods of liberal tendencies. How long would the Indian National Congress have had to continue waging its constitutional and, to a large extent, ineffectual struggle against this despotism, none dare say to-day, with any degree of certainty. But, assuredly, the struggle would not have been brief. Let that pass, however. Fortunately for India as for humanity, the war intervened, with its stupendous toll of sacrifice and suffering indeed, but not without its great message of hope. The war has ended. And the Indian National Congress meets in the hour of triumph not merely of the cause it has struggled to uphold but of the liberty of the world.

The special session of the Congress was held in August last to give expression to the country's criticism of Mr Montagu and Lord Chelmsford's Report. As the war was then in progress and the end not in sight, the function of that session was limited to deciding what substantial steps should be taken *during the war* towards "the progressive realisation of responsible government in India as an integral part of the British Empire," in accordance with the announcement of August 20, 1917. This limitation on the function of the Congress does not operate now. For the world has moved considerably since August last. It is not merely that the secession of the "Moderates" has been demonstrated by subsequent events in India and England to be an indefensible, undemocratic and impolitic act of sheer panic which, instead of "saving" the Montagu-Chelmsford Scheme, has strengthened the hands of the country's enemies. But something infinitely greater has happened. It is the unexpectedly early end of the war—victory to the Allied arms. What does this victory mean? It means that in the world an essentially new hope has been born. Militant Nationalism, aggressive Imperialism, or call it what you like, is dead. The other system,—"the indomitable spirit everywhere struggling towards right and seeking above all things to be free"—has triumphed. "The great nations, which associated themselves to destroy the arbitrary power of Germany's military caste," said President Wilson on the eve of the armistice, "have now definitely united in the common purpose to set up such a peace as will satisfy the longing of the whole world for disinterested justice embodied in settlements based upon something better and much more lasting than selfish, competitive interests of the powerful States." As the essential step towards such a peace he has postulated "the settlement of every political relationship upon the basis of the free acceptance of that settlement by the people immediately concerned and not upon the basis of the material interest or advantage of any other nation or people which may desire a different settlement for the sake of its own exterior influence or mastery." Mr. Lloyd George has summed up all that this implies in his recent trenchant phrase that "there shall be no more Alsace-Lorraining." What does all this indicate? This, that the Allied statesmen are determined to see that the new world-order—the League of Free Nations—is based on the vindication of the principle of self-determination, everywhere. How can this be reconciled with the actual attitude of the British Government towards India? True, Mr. Lloyd George has promised that "the needs of India cannot be forgotten." Mr. Asquith has endorsed the pledge. But this pledge will be fulfilled in accordance with the principle of the announcement of August 20, 1917. That principle is that "the British Government and the Government of India, on whom the responsibility lies for the welfare and advancement of the Indian peoples, must be the judges of the time and measure of each advance" towards the progressive realization of responsible government. This is a fundamental violation of the principle of self-determination and militates against such settlement of the question of India's political relationship with England—and England, as the "Nation" points out, holds India by force and, we may add, will, when all is said, continue to hold so even under the Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms—"upon the basis of the free acceptance of that settlement by the people immediately concerned and not upon the basis of the material interest or advantage of any other nation or people which may desire a different settlement for the sake of its own exterior influence or mastery." Shall India alone be cheated of the fruit of victory which she has helped to secure with the blood of her sons shed on many a battlefield? And how then shall British and Allied statesmen be able to establish a "League of Free Nations" which shall operate as "an organised moral force *throughout the world?*"

No. India must come into her own—for the sake of humanity as well as that of her own. If she is not allowed to determine her own destiny, the bureaucracy will, to all intents and purposes, remain masters of her people, however the British Government and the Government of India judge the time and measure of each advance towards reforms. Which means that her position in the immediate days of Reconstruction will be one of unenviable degradation. Under her old masters, she will, in the nature of things, continue to remain a cripple among strenuous and progressive nations—politically and economically paralysed herself, a drag on the progress of humanity. If, on the other hand, India is allowed to determine her own destiny, she will not only realise herself fully, in all spheres of national life, but the contribution that she will thus be able to make, in cooperation with England, to the welfare and progress of humanity will open the most important chapter in the history of civilization. India can come into her own if only her own people and those of England—whose fortunes have been providentially and indissolubly bound for mutual gain and service of humanity—rise to the full height of their opportunity. "England," says the "Nation," "is a liberal power; her best thought for the world has always been liberal." For the British people, then, it is the hour when they should see that, having waged and won the last great war with India's help, for the vindication of the system which is "the indomitable spirit everywhere struggling towards right and seeking above all things to be free," they do not stultify themselves in the eyes of the world by grudging to do the "right" thing by India and to let her be "free." For the Indian people it is the hour of the assertion of their inalienable rights as equal citizens of the British Empire—more, as human beings. This assertion must be made not in a spirit of diffidence or subservience, but in that of frankness and manliness. Such an hour will never recur. No generation of Indians have been, or will be, called upon to decide a more momentous issue. It is for them to make or mar the future of the country—and of humanity. They can acquit themselves of the heavy responsibility in an adequate manner only by holding fast to the sheet-anchor of their national integrity and self-respect. The decisions of the Special Session of the Congress were determined by the consideration of the exigencies of the war. That limitation does not operate now. The task of Reconstruction must begin now in India as well as in other parts of the world. It is of paramount importance, therefore, that India must, as soon as possible, take up that task as fully an equal member of the British Empire and, hence, of the League of Free Nations. Necessarily the decisions of the Delhi Congress must be cast in a larger mould. For this purpose, the country demands at the moment the best of all her sons—not the best, as each individually regards it, but as the collective wisdom of the nation calls for.

MR. MEAD'S APOLOGIA.

It is well that Mr. Mead has sent us a reply in which he has revealed to the public, in a glaring manner, his personal incapacity to organise the new department of industries. After all what does Mr. Mead—a civilian—know of industries? In justifying the selection of Mr. Mackenzie Wallis, he tells us that he was in some measure responsible for the selection of this officer and then proceeds to enumerate the high qualifications of this officer. According to Mr. Mead, Mr. Mackenzie Wallis was not a general practitioner, though he had impressed upon the people whom he met that he had a practice in London. It will not come as a news to many of our readers that Mr. Mackenzie had, all the same, a sort of private consultation practice in the medical line in Bombay. We suppose Mr. Mead knows that pathology is the science of diseases and that there can be no connection between it and any industries. In the long list of the various occupations of this chemist there is not shown a single position occupied by him which would entitle him to claim the profession of an industrial chemist. Whose then are the flights of fancy, Mr. Mead's or ours? Mr. Mead again tells us that Mr. Wallis was engaged for ten years in research work in organic chemistry. May we know in what branch of organic chemistry he was engaged and with what result? Even for an ordinary worker ten years is a fairly long time to achieve something and if this prodigy has done any work of any merit he must have published it. Claim to a status in the scientific world is only established by publications of research work, and unless Mr. Mead, instead of vague and general assertions, gives us definite references as to his publications, which we have not been able to find, *pleno jure*, we shall continue to entertain grave doubts as to the claims of Mr. Mackenzie Wallis as an industrial chemist. By the bye why are all the appointments not advertised and applications invited for them? Are these appointments to be reserved as "gifts" in the hands of Mr. Mead?

Mr. Mead, in his defence of Mr. Wallis, further tells us that Mr. Mackenzie Wallis was a scholar of the Society of Apothecaries and the "worshipful" company of Fishmongers. Indeed! What fanciful connection is there between fishmongers, pathology and apothecaries with the chemical industries of this Presidency? Would Mr. Mead have us believe that when he has a bad toothache he will find relief by consulting an occulist? When Rome was burning Nero fiddled. When India was crying for guidance in the industrial field Mr. Mead was entertaining a pathologist. We are afraid Mr. Mead is not fully alive to his responsibilities when he makes such wild and self-condemnatory statements in defence of the new department's policy. Mr. Mackenzie Wallis' right place was as a lecturer in the Grant Medical College or at the Municipal Laboratory with Dr. Joshi, who would have taught him more about Bombay milk. Mr. Mead proceeds to make other statements of the same nature. He tells us that there "are other courses of training open to a budding industrial chemist". There are no back-door entrances to this profession. A man in the street, by reading law cases in the newspapers, cannot claim to a legal practice in the law courts, nor would the medical profession recognise the footpath quacks as medical men and this applies equally well to the profession of an industrial chemist. Does Mr. Mead know that the only body legally recognised in Great Britain—the Institute of Chemistry—makes it compulsory even for a Doctor of Science to undergo a severe qualifying test before he can style himself as an industrial chemist? We do not wish to discuss Mr. Mead's defence of Mr. Mackenzie Wallis any further. If there is any merit in the latter's researches and if Mr. Mead is justified in the appointment of Mr. Wallis as an industrial chemist we suggest Mr. Mead should make out a full case with details of all the work done by Mr. Wallis in England and India. We shall then submit this case, at our expense, to a committee of well-known industrial chemists of England, France and America, including some members of the Committee of the Institute of Chemistry. If they pronounce, against the appointment of Mr. Mackenzie Wallis as an industrial chemist we expect Mr. Mead to resign his office with the Government. This is necessary in the interests of the country. We do not want Mr. Mead to be merely penitent, which he says he is not after reading our first article, but we wish that public servants like him should realise that India is not to be trifled with at their whim and pleasure.

Before we conclude, we deem it necessary to refer to some of the other appointments which, we are informed, are shortly to be made by Mr. Mead. He is about to appoint, we understand, a Mr. Clerk from one of the local mills as his assistant for textile industries. We warn him that this appointment will be greatly resented by the public. There are a very large number of Indians, both England-returned and others, with great experience in this line in this city fully qualified to fill up any post connected with textile industries. There are also highly trained Government of India Scholars who have received their training abroad. If Mr. Mead deliberately disregards Indian talent he will not help in promoting that mutual faith which Sir George Lloyd has laid down as a necessary condition for co-operation with the Government. We also understand that Mr. Mackenzie Wallis has resigned and is proceeding shortly to his native country. Mr. Mead will have again the happy task of filling up the vacancy. We shall watch carefully whether Indian talent gets any encouragement in this department. There are many Indians who can hold this appointment with honour to themselves and to their country and who will serve their country better than a foreigner can. Let Mr. Mead advertise for them and appoint a qualified committee to determine their claims and he will get a few applications that will surprise him.

Notes of the Day.

Return of F.-M. Haig.

The reception accorded to Field-Marshal Haig on his return to Britain was worthy of the man and the occasion. In a war of such tremendous magnitude, it is difficult to assess the contributions of individuals to the achievement of victory, but the illustrious services of Sir Douglas Haig are sure to receive special recognition from Britain and the rest of the Empire. The splendid welcome accorded to him in London was, without doubt, a spontaneous tribute to his personality and services. In ancient Rome, it was the custom to give "triumphs" to victorious generals on their re-entry into the Capital. Those who had the honour of a triumph were escorted in large public processions, in which the victorious generals appeared crowned with wreaths of laurel, and the pageant of State ended with a public feast. The welcome given to Field-Marshal Haig marks the end of the war and a signal appreciation of the work of the Army. Throughout the war, Sir Douglas Haig exhibited the qualities of patient courage and sanguine tenacity, which distinguished the British Armies in France and won for them the glory of ultimate victory. In the appreciation which Mr. Buchan publishes in the "Daily Sketch", special prominence has been given to Sir Douglas Haig's insistence on the unity of command and the choice of Marshal Foch as supreme generalissimo. As has been rightly observed, "Britain has not produced a greater soldier since Wellington and has never produced a greater gentleman."

Allies and German Bolshevism.

The meeting of the German Soviets and their proceedings are no doubt sensational, but, so far as the Allies are concerned, they are not of very great significance. For whatever it be that occurs in Germany, the most important consideration of its validity lies in the fact of Germany's defeat. The Allies have intimated to the Soviets that they will be deported if they hamper the activities of burgomasters. Further, Herr Ebergerger has formally notified the Foreign Office that the Allies do not recognise the Soviets. This announcement of the Allies, which is both firm and opportune, must serve to dispel some of the illusions of German Bolsheviks. The uproarious debate in the Soviets Congress is of little interest to anybody except those who belong to the class of violent revolutionaries in Germany, who have come within the influence of Bolshevism. We have to presume that the Bolshevik Congress is a demonstration for the assumption of power, while the Government of Ebert is being to all purposes obeyed in Prussia. The various States in what was once known as Germany are in a state of rebellious ferment. The business of the Allies is to see that there is a fairly constitutional Government existing in Germany and that there is a *de facto* authority for them to negotiate with. The Allies have done well in proclaiming that they (Bolsheviks) will be deported if they hamper the activities of those who are in actual and legitimate authority.

Obstinacy and Obstruction.

Those, who follow the events that have compelled the Reception Committee of the Indian National Congress to abandon the usual procession at the reception of the President-elect of the Congress, may be baffled in their effort to understand the meaning of the official fiasco. But it is clearly one of obstinacy and obstruction. For, primarily, the route taken by a procession is a matter for the decision of those responsible for its orderly conduct, but the proposals of the Reception Committee seem to have met with the opposition of the District Magistrate, apparently for no reason whatsoever. The business of the police—including the District Magistrate and the Senior Superintendent of Police—is to see that there is no danger to public safety in the orderly conduct of a public procession. Either there is danger of some disorder in a particular route or there is not; but the authorities say nothing about it, being only anxious to see that the decision of 21st December is absolute and unalterable. Their only legitimate task is, to satisfy themselves about the peaceful organisation of the procession, and they have gratuitously gone beyond their duty and made themselves of no assistance, but of much harassment, to the people. We do not know how to characterise the attitude of the authorities, except that events of this type, after all, are nothing new in Delhi.

Official and Personal.

His Excellency Sir George Lloyd accompanied by Mr. Orr on Tuesday afternoon, drove round the south of Bombay to inspect some of the areas and roads dealt with by the Improvement Trust

Her Excellency Lady Lloyd accompanied by Mrs. Palmer visited the Girls' Friendly Society Lodge on Tuesday (afternoon.)

Captain and Mrs. K. G. Feiling have arrived at Government House.

Among the distinguished visitors in Calcutta during the Christmas week are the Maharaja of Kapurthala, who has arrived, and the Maharajas Scindia, Mysore, and Nawab of Rampore.

Sir Harcourt Butler accompanied by Captain T. C. Twining, Grenadier Guards, A.D.C. left for Calcutta on Monday last, where he will be the guest of the Governor of Bengal. His Honour returns to Lucknow on the 29th.

Justice C. P. Napier and Justice C. V. Kumaraswami Sastri, have been appointed to act as Additional Judges of the Madras High Court for six months from 1st January.

GERMAN SOVIET CONGRESS.

UPROARIOUS DEBATE.

SOLDIERS CREATE A SCENE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 18.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Dec. 24.

AMSTERDAM.—At the Soviet Congress during a sharp passage between Barth and Ebert thirty soldiers of the Berlin garrison entered the hall and demanded immediate discussion of the question of the formation of a Supreme Soldiers' Council, to which all troops would be subordinated.

The President declared that immediate discussion on the subject was impossible and turbulent scenes followed.

Ledebour insisted upon immediate discussion, but the Majority Socialists protested and prepared to leave the hall, whereupon the uproar increased.

Haase exhorted the meeting to keep calm and finally the Congress adjourned amid wild scenes.

CONGRESS AGREES TO SUMMONING OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec., 20.
Recd. 12-25 p.m., Dec. 24.

COPENHAGEN.—A message from Berlin states that the Soviet Congress by a large majority passed a resolution that the National Assembly election be held on January 19th.

EXTREMER ELEMENTS IN BERLIN.

"VORWAERTS" ON PERILOUS SITUATION

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 18.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Dec. 24.

It is obvious that the extremer elements in Berlin have increased and have been reinforced by thousands of deserters from the army, which are proving a formidable menace to ordered Government.

"Vorwaerts" admits that the situation is perilous owing to the inability of organised workmen to control the dangerous extremists. It suggests that if the National Assembly cannot be secured against demonstrating mobs, it will be compelled to foregather at Cassel, Nuremberg or Frankfort, where it will be able to work undisturbed.

GERMAN WAR MINISTER'S RESIGNATION.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 18.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Dec. 24.

The War Minister, Scheuch, states that he resigned because officers were being continually abused and humiliated. For example, the commander at Potsdam appointed by him was unable to assume his duties because a soldier of the Potsdam Soviet declared himself commander.

ALLIES' REFUSAL TO RECOGNISE SOVIETS

WARNING TO MISCHIEF-MAKERS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 12-25 p.m., Dec. 24.

AMSTERDAM.—The Allies have informed the Soviets that they will be deported if they hamper the activities of Burgomasters. They are forbidden to distribute leaflets or otherwise attempt to undermine the loyalty of Allied troops.

Erzberger has formally notified the Foreign Office that the Allies do not recognise the Soviets.

PROSECUTION OF WAR INSTIGATORS.

BILL IN GERMANO-AUSTRIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 21.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Dec. 24.

AMSTERDAM.—A message from Vienna states that the Germano-Austrian National Assembly has adopted a Bill for the prosecution of the leaders responsible for war.

40,0000 UNEMPLOYED IN VIENNA.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 21.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Dec. 24.

The Secretary of State for Social Welfare said there were at present 40,000 unemployed in Vienna and the number was increasing daily. In German Bohemia 25 per cent. of the working class is unemployed.

EX-KAISERIN IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 21.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Dec. 24.

COPENHAGEN.—The German newspapers state that the condition of the ex-Empress due to the old heart trouble is critical.

TASK BEFORE PEACE CONFERENCE.

WANTED A SAFE-GUARD AGAINST WARS.

MR. WILSON'S TRIBUTE TO BRITISH.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 21.
Recd. 7-30 p.m., Dec., 24.

Interviewed by the Paris correspondent of "The Times" President Wilson said the greatest question as regards the Peace Conference and purpose among the statesmen to create was "Will there be found enough of wisdom a safeguard against future wars?" The President emphasised that difficulties and responsibilities, which have arisen by the successful termination of the war must be shared by the Great Nations of the world as comrades of the less powerful.

Regretting his inability at present to visit the Grand Fleet, President Wilson, said he had so fully realised from the beginning that behind the great armies was the strong silent and watchful support of the British Navy, securiting the communications of the Allies that it would give him great pleasure to visit the Grand Fleet, if it were possible. There had been the happiest comradeship and loyal co-operation between the Navy of Great Britain and the Navy of the United States, and he was sure that all Americans were keenly appreciative of it and knew its full significance in the winning of the war. "In discussing the role of the British Fleet in maintaining what anyhow during the war had been the freedom of the seas for the free people of the world," continues the correspondent, President Wilson spoke with a sincerity, which no amount of writing can convey. His accents conveyed to me that he is a believer in the decency and honesty of the Angio-Saxon race.

The President said:—"I am the more anxious to go to England, because I have reason to know with what unanimity of passionate conviction the people of Great Britain and America have entertained the same conception of liberty and justice. It is essential to the future peace of the world that there should be the frankest co-operation and the most generous understanding between the two English-speaking democracies. We appreciate, I believe the grave problems, which the war has brought to the British people and we fully understand the special international questions, which arise from the facts of your peculiar position as an Island Empire." "This verbatim text of the President, remarks," says the correspondent, "does not convey the real solid tone of sincerity with which President Wilson deals with this particular point of the freedom of the seas." Proceeding, the President said he was convinced that nothing could possibly prevent the approaching Conference from producing what all the world wanted viz., a really solid guarantee of a future peace.

He concluded as follows:—I am confident that by a common council, the statesmen of the world will be able to reach a just and reasonable solution to the problems which will be presented them and thus earn the gratitude of the world for the most critical and necessary service which has ever been rendered it.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

MATIN'S FORECAST OF PROCEDURE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
PARIS, Dec. 23.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Dec. 24.

The Havas Agency states:—"Le Matin" gives some information regarding the method of procedure to be adopted by the promoters of the League of Nations. In the first place the Allied Governments will agree to the fundamental rule that peoples have the right of self-determination. This will naturally lead to the limitation of armaments and compulsory arbitration. Secondly, enemy powers will be ordered to accept the fundamental principles after which the details of the Peace Treaty will be discussed. Thirdly, a universal Conference will decide the relations between peoples, neutral powers being represented Germany's admission will only be discussed after the total punishment indemnity has been paid.

SUGGESTED POSTPONEMENT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 21.
Recd. 12-25 p.m., Dec. 24.

WASHINGTON.—Mr. Lodge. Republican leader, addressing the Senate, advocated the postponement of the League of Nations until after peace, declaring that it should be considered separately later.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS WITHOUT GERMANY.

"WOULD BE A PERMANENT DANGER."

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 18.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Dec. 24.

A telegram from Berlin says at the League of Nations Society founded by Erzberger the convener declared that such a league without Germany would be a permanent danger.

TERRIBLE SET-BACK IN RUSSIA.

APPALLING CATASTROPHE THREATENED

"ALLIED INTERVENTION ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY."

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Dec. 24.

ROME.—In the course of an interview, Miliukoff, the former Russian Foreign Minister, declared that Russia was threatened with a most appalling catastrophe in the history. Allied intervention was absolutely necessary. A small effort would have saved Russia a year ago, but to-day a strong army would be required. The Allied labour and socialist opposition to intervention was, he said, due to the erroneous belief that Bolshevism meant economic progress. But it was in reality a terrible set-back. Ninety-nine per cent. of the population of Russia, including moderate Socialists, were in favour of Allied intervention.

CARRYING OUT OF ARMISTICE CONDITIONS.

FRENCH SHIPS PROCEED TO BALTIC.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
PARIS, Dec. 23.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Dec. 24.

The Havas Agency states:—A note issued in Paris yesterday states that five French ships, including the armoured cruiser Montcalm are on their way to the Baltic to see that the conditions of the armistice are carried out, and to assure repatriation of prisoners.

BRITISH OCCUPATION OF SOLINGEN.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 12-25 p.m., Dec. 24.

AMSTERDAM.—The "Cologne Gazette" states that 3,000 Scottish troops occupy Solingen.

RETURN OF INTERNED BRITISH MERCHANTSHIPS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 12-25 p.m., Dec. 24.

Fifteen British merchantships which have been interned in Hamburg since the beginning of the war have arrived in the Tyne with German crews.

GERMANY AND SPAIN.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR AND STAFF RECEIVE PASSPORTS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Dec. 24.

MADRID.—The German Ambassador and staff have received their passports.

KRUPPS TO BE UTILISED FOR TEXTILE INDUSTRY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 18.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Dec. 24.

The "Lokal-Anzeiger" states that the Krupps will be utilised for textile industry.

GERMANS IN CHINA.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ALL DISMISSED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Dec. 24.

PEKING.—The Heads of Customs Salt, Postal and Foreign Departments have decided to dismiss all Germans. One reason is that Allied ex-soldiers in these departments could not be expected to work alongside the Germans.

FRESH GERMAN APPEAL TO AMERICA.

IGNORED BY WASHINGTON GOVERNMENT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 21.
Recd. 12-25 p.m., Dec. 24.

WASHINGTON.—Despite Mr. Lansing's emphatic admonition that German communications should be addressed to all Associated Governments, another appeal has been received from the German Government as regards food and modification of armistice terms. The State Department does not publish the note, because it violates the foregoing decision and because it does not differ from the previous appeals, which are regarded as a propaganda by which Berlin authorities are trying to escape the results of defeat.

ALLIED INTERVENTION IN RUSSIA

BOLSHEVIST FORCES MARCHING ON MITAU.

ESTHONIAN FORCES UNABLE TO RESIST ADVANCE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 18.
Recd. 12-25 p.m. Dec. 24.

The newspapers are again drawing attention to the problem of Allied intervention in Russia, especially in view of the situation in the Baltic provinces, where Bolshevist forces are approaching the railway junction of Walk in Livoni and have crossed the Duna at Friedrichstaft and are marching on Mitau in Esthonia. The Esthonian forces are weak and unable to resist the advance of the Bolshevists.

Meanwhile, the Germans are withdrawing from the Baltic provinces and in the course of the Soviets Congress in Berlin Ebert stated that everything was being done to protect the eastern provinces of Germany against pillaging bands.

STRENGTH OF BOLSHEVIST FORCES.

The special correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" points out that in Russia adherence to Bolshevism is the only alternative to starvation, since the Bolshevists control food supplies and thousands of officers are in the Bolshevist army because otherwise they would die of hunger. He discredits the report that the Bolshevist forces number three millions and says the most reliable estimate is 180,000 scattered over Russia. Probably an attempt would be made to increase the force with a view to invading other parts of Europe in order to spread Bloshevism doctrines.

RAPID PROGRESS OF BRITISH AVIATION.

INTERNATIONAL AIR CONFERENCE FORESHADOWED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 12-25 p.m. Dec. 24.

Lord Weir, Air Minister, in a speech at Manchester said we now possessed substantial numbers of aeroplanes and seaplanes able to carry a crew of seven and thirty passengers for 1,200 miles without stopping at a speed of a hundred miles an hour.

He suggested that the big shipping and other transport organisations should actively interest themselves in the development of commercial aviation and when peace was concluded the State should sell its superfluous aeroplanes suitable for conversion to commercial use to private firms cheaply.

REORGANISATION OF AIR BOARD.

The Air Board must be recognised. The first essential step of the new Ministry should be to organise international flying. This would, he said, involve an international air convention. The articles of this convention had already been drafted and were being submitted to the Allies. If they approved, the convention of the International Air Conference would be held and he had reason to anticipate that within the next four or five months the principal nations would have reached an agreement on this momentous question.

LANCASHIRE COTTON MARKET.

RESTRICTIONS ON SELLING FUTURES REMOVED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 19.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Dec. 24.

The Liverpool Cotton Association announces that restrictions on selling futures have been removed.

MANCHESTER COTTON MILLS REOPEN.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 19.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Dec. 24.

A joint conference of cotton employers and operatives at Manchester signed the terms ending the strike. The mills reopened this morning.

RUBBER STOCKS IN SINGAPORE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 19.
Recd. 11-45 a.m., Dec. 24.

The Rubber Sharebrokers Association state that 95,000 tons of ruber are stored in Singapore.

AMERICA CUP.

N. Y. YACHT CLUB DECLINES LIPTON'S OFFER.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Dec. 24.

The New York Yacht Club has declined Sir T. Lipton's offer for 1919, but will accept it if renewed for 1920.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 1-30 p.m., Dec. 24.

In declining Sir Thomas Lipton's offer for 1919 the New York Yacht Club says it considers that the war circumstances render the present time inappropriate for such a purely sporting event.

FUTUREOF UKRAINE

TERRITORIAL CLAIMS.

BOLSHEVIK MENACE DISAPPEARING.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Dec. 24.

Reuter's Vienna correspondent says:—"I interviewed the representatives of the Ukraine, who were on their way to Paris to confer with the Associated Governments regarding the future of the Ukraine republic. They stated that if the claims of the Ukraine were granted, including Lemberg and part of the Cholm region, the new republic would have a population of forty-five millions.

"They were fully prepared to give the Jews the fullest legal and political rights and deal with the land question legally. It was true that the Bolsheviks were trying to overthrow the Ukraine Government, but there was no organised Bolshevik Government in the Ukraine and no communists."

POLISH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 26TH.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 18.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Dec. 24.

COPENHAGEN.—A telegram from Berlin says, the Polish Government has decreed that the election to the National Assembly shall be held on 26th January and shall comprise the Eastern provinces of Prussia. The German press strongly protests, alleging that the Poles desire to annex German territories.

50,000 POLISH TROOPS LAND AT DANZIG.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 1-30 p.m., Dec. 24.

COPENHAGEN.—A message from Berlin tates that 50,000 Polish troops under General Hallen have landed at Danzig. This presumably refers to the Polish army organised in France.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. WILSON.

TO BE THEIR MAJESTIES' GUESTS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 12-25 p.m., Dec. 24.

It is authoritatively stated that President and Mrs. Wilson will arrive in London on December 27th on a four days' visit. They will be guests of their Majesties at the Buckingham Palace.

BANQUET AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 12-25 p.m., Dec. 24.

His Majesty is giving a banquet at the Buckingham Palace on December 27th in honour of President Wilson.

COTTON INDUSTRY.

GREAT EXTENSION IMPOSSIBLE AT PRESENT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Dec. 24.

Sir C. Macara states that any great extension of the cotton industry at present is impossible, as the renewal of many millions of spindles destroyed or damaged during the war will tax the makers of the cotton machinery to the utmost for some time to come, and as prices are at present 200 to 300 per cent. above the pre-war prices, new mills, even if they could be erected, could not compete with the existing mills. Sir C. Macara also emphasises that a considerable period must elapse before raw material can be converted into finished fabric.

WORLD'S SHIPPING.

FAVOURABLE OUTLOOK.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Dec. 24.

In a memorandum on the world's shipping published by Lloyds and the Admiralty, Sir James Glenny Wilson argues that within a few months the supply of shipping for commerce will be greater than the demand as compared with pre-war relationship and that freights will fall to a level not much more than double the rates current before the war.

SIR. D. HAIG'S VISIT TO LONDON

GRAND PREPARATIONS FOR RECEPTION

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 18.
Recd. 1-30 p.m., Dec. 24.
(Delayed).

"Great preparations are being made to give Field-Marshal Haig a right royal welcome in London when he arrives on Christmas furlough. Although official recognition of his services will come at a later date, every effort is being made to make this visit a memorable one.

He will be accompanied by the distinguished Army Commanders, Generals Horne, Plumer, Birdwood, Rawlinson, Byng, Lieut.-General Travers Clarke, Quarter-Master General, Lieut.-General Lawrence, Chief of General Staff, Lieut.-General Fowke, Adjutant-General, also Major-General Salmond, commanding Air Force, and Sir D. Haig's personal staff.

Sir D. Haig will arrive at Charing Cross at one o'clock in the afternoon and will be met by the Duke of Connaught. The party will drive via Piccadilly to Buckingham Palace, where they will lunch with His Majesty.

LATEST CABLES.

ILLICIT OPIUM TRAFFIC.

CHARGE AGAINST JAPANESE IN CHINA.

SENSATIONAL ALLEGATION BY A CHINESE PAPER.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 6-35 a.m., Dec. 25.

SHANGHAI.—The "North China Daily News" makes the sensational allegation that an enormous illicit traffic in morphia and Indian opium is being done by the Japanese in China. The paper affirms that 18 tons of morphia are imported into China from Japan every year and distributed by the Japanese post office to Japanese pedlars. It is also affirmed that 2,000 chests of opium were imported into Tsingtao from Calcutta via Kobe from January 1st to September 1st. The price at Kobe was £240 per chest. Opium sells in China at £2,000 per chest. The tax levied by the Japanese authorities at Tsingtao was £800 per chest, altogether equivalent to a yearly revenue of £2,000,000. Opium travels on Japanese protected Tsinanfu railway as military stores. There is also a large import via Dalny into Manchuria. Customs authorities at Dalny and Tsingtao are wholly Japanese.

INDIAN PRISONERS' SUFFERING.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 19.
Recd. 6-35 a.m., Dec. 25.

COPENHAGEN.—Indian prisoners of war are awaiting repatriation in Hald Camp suffering severely from cold. They huddled together round stoves and leave barracks only to fetch fuel.

NECESSITY FOR SOVIETS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 21.
Recd. 6-35 a.m., Dec. 25.

COPENHAGEN.—A message from Berlin states that Scheidemann in the course of a speech prior to the adoption of the National Assembly resolution said that the Soviets were necessary institutions but that they must not become permanent. The majority of the people disapproved of dictatorship and only the National Assembly could bring peace and bread.

GRAND DUKE OF HESSE.

ONLY FEDERAL PRINCE NOT ABDICATED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 21.
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AMSTERDAM.—The Grand Duke of Hesse is the only Federal Prince who has not abdicated. The Soviet threatens to expel or intern him unless he abdicates.

The strike in mines near Essen led to severe riots. The crowd at Bostrop arrested the Soviet. Others stormed the mines but were driven off by machineguns.

MENTIONED FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE.

SIR D. HAIG'S DESPATCH.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Dec. 24.

The "Gazette" contains a despatch from Field-Marshal Haig, mentioning for distinguished and gallant services and devotion to duty a large number of officers, ladies, non-commissioned officers and men who served under his command from February 25th to September 16th. The list includes General Sir W. R. Birdwood, Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Ampthill and the following Indian Army officers:—Colonels R. A. Carruthers, F. W. Caulfield, C. N. Macmullen, Lieutenant-Colonels L. H. Abbott, H. N. Cobham, J. F. Coleridge, E. A. Fagan, G. Gwyn-Thomas and Majors J. Craik and R. H. Hammersley Smith.

SIR J. JELLICOE'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
LONDON, Dec. 20
Recd. 1-30 p.m., Dec. 24

MELBOURNE.—In the House of Representatives Mr. Watt announced that Sir John Jellicoe was leaving England for Australia in February to review the whole naval position in Australia. Australia was, he said, proud that her importance was deemed sufficient to justify the Admiralty in sending so illustrious a sailor, thereby ensuring to Australia the best and most modern advice.

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REFORM SCHEME AND BRITISH PUBLIC.

AN ENGLAND RETURNED INDIAN'S VIEWS.

(Associated Press.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.

Mr. Syed Erfan Ali, barrister, who has just returned to India after eight years' residence in England, interviewed by an Associated Press representative, stated that the war has greatly changed the angle of vision of the British public with regard to Indian affairs. The present Government is bent upon doing something for India and they are absolutely honest in their profession. The Reform Scheme framed by Mr. Montagu and Lord Chelmsford is a great advance on the present condition. I am a politician of the advanced type and I would have liked to have a more liberal measure, but as there is very little likelihood of a better scheme than the present being framed and passed, I welcome it.

Of course, we should suggest reasonable modifications so as to improve the scheme, but it would be suicidal to show an attitude of hostility towards it. I think the Reform Scheme ought to be strongly supported by both the Indian National Congress and the Moslem League, but reasonable modifications ought to be suggested. This is also the view almost unanimously held by the leading Indian residents in England. It is our clear duty to strengthen the hands of Mr. Montagu, who is being opposed by a strong party of reactionaries in England and India. If Mr. Montagu's scheme is dropped, it will be difficult to introduce another such measure in the near future and the responsibility will be on the shoulder of those of our own countrymen who are showing an attitude of uncompromising hostility towards it.

MEMORIAL TO SIR MICHAEL O'DWYER.

TWO SOLDIERS' INSTITUTES TO BE OPENED.

(Associated Press.)

LAHORE, Dec. 24.

The scheme for a memorial to Sir Michael O'Dwyer's Lieutenant-Governorship has already made good progress. The Committee have drawn up and approved the scheme for two soldiers' institutes, one for British soldiers on a site opposite the Punjab Light Horse parade ground, and the other for Indian soldiers at cantonments, and now appeal to the public for support to the scheme. They are asking for a sum of five lakhs to carry out the proposals they have outlined, and the contribution list will close on May 1st next.

ALL-INDIA CASUALTY LIST.

(Associated Press.)

DELHI, Dec. 22.

The following name of a British officer appears in the casualty list No. 807, Indian Expeditionary Forces:—*Injured*—R.H.A. Lieut. J. J. Obeirne.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

LONDON, Dec. 19.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Dec. 24.

A meeting of the Chartered Bank of India passed a resolution increasing the company's capital to two millions sterling.

FAMINE IN GUJERAT.

RETIRED CIVILIAN'S GENEROUS DONATION.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

LONDON, Dec. 19.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Dec. 24.

A retired Indian Civil Servant, who desires to remain anonymous, has placed a thousand sterling at the disposal of Mr. Montagu to be placed in permanent trust with the Government of India in order that the interest may be applied to the relief of scarcity and famine in Ahmednagar and Gujerat, with which the Civil Servant was closely associated during his service.

Mr. Montagu has expressed his cordial appreciation of the public-spirited offer and the Government of India has been asked to make necessary arrangements to give effect to the wishes of the donor.

INDIAN PRIORITY CERTIFICATE SCANDALS.

LORD INCHCAPE CITES AN INSTANCE.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

LONDON, Dec. 19.
Recd. 11-45 a.m., Dec. 24.

Lord Inchcape in a latter to "The Times" urges immediate abolition of priority permits and licences. He says that the shipment of steel frames to repair a damaged ship in India has been delayed for license and the ship has been hung up because a priority certificate was required for the propeller shaft.

INDIA OFFICE APPOINTMENT.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

LONDON, Dec. 19.
Recd. 11-45 a.m., Dec. 24.

Sir Lionel Abrahams has been granted six months' leave of absence owing to ill-health. Mr. Malcolm Seton will meanwhile take his place.

COPPER MINING IN INDIA.

DISCOVERY OF A LODE IN RAKHA HILLS

(Reuter's Telegram.)

LONDON, Dec. 19.
Recd. 11-45 a.m., Dec. 24.

At a meeting of the Cape Copper Company the Chairman said that they must presently look to Rakha Hills mines in India for a renewal of the prosperity of the company. Large possiblities had been opened up by the discovery of a lode near Rakha similar to that at Raksa.

SALE OF RED CROSS PEARLS.

£ 1000,000 REALISED.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

LONDON, Dec. 20.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Dec. 24.

The sale of pearls donated to the Red Cross in answer to their appeal realised £84,492 at the Christies yesterday. The principal necklace fetched £22,000. Altogether with the donations, the Red Cross benefited to the extent of £100,000.

COUNT ROMAIONESAT RHEIMS.

HIS IMPRESSIONS.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

PARIS, Dec. 23.
Recd. 6-30 p.m., Dec. 24.

The Havas Agency states:—Count Romaiones left Paris yesterday morning, in a motor-car to visit Rheims and Chateau-Thierry. On his return to Paris, the Count said that no Spaniard after seeing Rheims could possibly remain a pro-German.

HONOURS FOR WAR SERVICE.

SOME INDIAN RECIPIENTS.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

LONDON, Dec. 19.
Recd. 11-45 a.m., Dec. 24.

The "Gazette" contains the following honours for services in India in connection with the war:—

K. C. B.

Major-Generals E. S. May and Sir G. M Kirkpatrick.

O. B. E. (COMMANDERS.)

Colonels William Molesworth (Indian Medicals), A. W. Sheen (Medicals), C. H. Shepherd (Lincolns), W. W. Smith (Artillery) and A. H. Wood (late Connaught Rangers).

O. B. E. (OFFICERS.)

Lieut.-Colonels A. P. Drayson (East Surreys), G. K. Walker (Indian Civil Veterinary Department), Major A. E. Walter (Indian Medicals), Captain A. J. Clifton (Durham Light Infantry), Lieut. G. H. Halland (Indian Army Reserve).

Promoted Brevet Lieut.-Colonels:—Majors P. L. Grove (Cheshires), G. B. Rind R. C. Ross and W. D. Villiers Stuart (All India Army).

SILVER MARKET.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

LONDON, Dec. 19.
Recd. 8-30 a.m., Dec. 24.

Messrs. Montagu's report says the market is quiet. The Shanghai exchange continues to fluctuate slightly.

BRITISH CONGRESS COMMITTEE.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The following is the Annual Report of the British Committee of the Indian National Congress, for the year 1917-1918, submitted, under date October 22, 1918, to the General Secretaries of the Indian National Congress, by Dr. G. B. Clark, the Acting Chairman, on behalf of the Committee:—

Since the last Annual Report of the Committee, the cause of Indian self-government has made great progress both in India and in this country. While we congratulate ourselves on this advance, we have also sadly to deplore the loss of our esteemed Chairman, Sir William Wedderburn, Bart. The very last occasion upon which Sir William appeared in public was to take the chair at a memorial meeting on the passing away of Dadabhai Naoroji, one of the founders of the Committee. Sir William had been for some time in weak health, and his visit to London left him exhausted. He returned home so enfeebled that he never recovered strength and vitality, and he passed away peacefully on January 25, 1918, at the age of 79, to the great grief of his many friends in this country and in India. During his long life he served India faithfully and lovingly. From the day of his return to this country, after long service in India, that country was ever in his mind and heart, and he was ever ready to plead her cause, in the House of Commons, on the platform, and in the Press. One of the last acts of his long life was to draft a magazine article on the need for a large measure of constitutional reform for India.

Sir William had rejoiced when, on August 20, 1917, the Home Government's momentous declaration of British policy in India was made. He rejoiced still more when Mr. Montagu announced his intended visit to India in order to prepare a draft scheme of reforms in consultation with the Viceroy, the heads of the public services, and the principal exponents of public opinion in India. So eager was he to help to the utmost of his power that he offered to accompany the Secretary of State in order to assist him in his mission. Had Sir William lived long enough, and with his unique experience of official methods in India and public life in this country, there is no doubt that he would have cordially welcomed the spirit of the report that has now been presented for discussion and criticism by the Secretary of State and the Viceroy, as being the precursor of a better form of Government in India and far more cordial relations between India and this country. Especially would he have welcomed this new State document as recognising the validity and strength of India's claim to responsible self-government, and seeking to provide the machinery for its attainment in due course, with the goodwill and co-operation of Government and people alike, along the lines laid down in the pronouncement of August 20, 1917—a pronouncement gladly accepted by this Committee, and one that was partly the result of its work.

Unfortunately, Sir William did not live to read the report, and his loss at this critical period in India's history is irreparable, not alone to the Committee over which he presided from its inception, but to the whole Congress movement. His wise counsel, mature judgment, and unrivalled experience would have been invaluable to the Committee and to India to-day in considering the detailed features of the report, but they are unavailable, and with him has passed away the last of the great figures around which Congress influences in this country had gathered. A memorial meeting was held at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on March 5, 1918, presided over by Sir J. Herbert Roberts, M.P., at which occasion was taken to pay a last tribute by many members of Parliament, peers, and other notable persons.

DECLARATION OF POLICY.

The Committee, in common with the Congress itself, frankly accepted the declaration of British policy in India made by the Secretary of State on behalf of the British Government, and felt it to be its duty to examine the proposals relating to constitutional reform in India contained in the Montagu-Chelmsford report in the light of that pronouncement and its clear implications. Upon the publication of the report, which expressly called for reasoned and constructive criticism of its proposals, the Committee, recognising the generous spirit in which its authors had applied themselves to the difficult task of framing a scheme that would be generally acceptable, and with a full sense of its own responsibility in exercising its well-recognised function of tendering independent and disinterested advice to the Congress, came to the conclusion that, in its broader features, but without binding itself in any way in matters of detail, it was the Committee's duty to offer support to the general principles of self-government proposed in the report, subject to the right to submit such constructive criticism, in due course, as a closer study of the methods proposed to carry them out and a wider survey of the situation and its possibilities might require. The Committee accordingly telegraphed to the general secretaries of the Congress, stating that it supported the proposals in principle and enquiring the views of the Congress as regards the report and the detailed proposals.

The Committee had watched with growing concern the trend of events within the Congress, resulting at length in the abstention of a number of old and respected Congressmen (some of whom have been for years among the Committee's most valued counsellors, and whose names are among the best known in this country as those of leaders of a great and inspiring national movement) from the recently held special session of the Congress at Bombay. The fact is fully recognised that there has been a cleavage in Indian opinion upon the proposals for self-government, but the Committee hopes that, with further light and information, misconceptions will be dispelled, and strongly recommends that all possible avenues should be thoroughly explored with a view to securing unity of action and sacrifice . . . this momentous hour in the history of the Indian Motherland. This is surely a time when party disunion, weakness, or schism among the Indian reformers will certainly be used for the purpose of playing off one party against another and of delaying or frustrating constitutional reform by those whose interest lies in the preservation of the status quo, and who have always sought to prevent the fulfilment of pledges and opposed the transfer of power from the bureaucracy to the people.

There are several very important questions affecting the future government of India which are left open in the report of the Secretary of State and the Viceroy. Committees have been appointed to deal with the subject of the franchise and to determine the subjects to be reserved, etc., and until these Committees have reported, the Cabinet will not be in a position to introduce a Bill. The measure of reform will be considered by a Government that will represent the next Parliament. It will be the most democratic Parliament in British history, and any measure that will be passed by such a Parliament should be of a democratic character.

The Committee has rejoiced to note that, of the Indian members appointed to the two Committees that have proceeded to India to report on the questions of rfranchise and electorate and of reserved and transferred functions of government, four are prominent and respected Congress leaders whose sagacity, maturity of experience, and independence have stood the country in good stead on many an occasion, and that a fifth though temporarily holding officer, is a progressive and patriotic suporters of India reforms. The Committee feels that such appointments indicate a radical change in the attitude of the Government towards Indian problems and the Indian nationalist cause.

MODIFICATIONS OF PROPOSALS.

The Committee will support to the utmost of its power the demand for such modifications in the reform proposals as are deemed to be essential to the due fulfilment of the pledges and promises contained in the pronouncement of August 20, 1917, and it will seek and use every opportunity to influence public opinion here to that end. But it would fail in its duty to India if it did not have regard to developments, Parliamentary and otherwise, in this country, and emphasise the paramount importance of the fullest possible agreement in attitude and spirit as to the essentials of the reform scheme on the part of all sections of Indian opinion. When the proposals reach Parliament, in the form of a Bill, when alone it will be possible to form a final judgment on them as a whole, much will depend upon the reasonableness and statemanship of the Indian reformers. If mere hostility and acrimonious, not constructive, criticism prevail, if the tension between the two wings of the Nationalist Party remains acute, this, it is evident, must seriously endanger the passage of the reforms, and the Committee would make the most urgent appeal for such a measure of support from India for the proposals as will enable the Government in this country, in the face of many urgent claims and undoubted difficulties arising out of the inevitable consequences of the present situation, to carry this great constitutional reform in its main principles, with necessary amendments, through Parliament.

The Committee would take this opportunity of sharing in the rejoicing of India at the splendid part that she has been privileged to take in three continetnts, in the historic events and the remarkable victories that are rapidly leading to the final triumph of the Allied cause. India has reason to be proud of her great effort and the result of her immense sacrifies in men, money, and material.

The Committee especially welcomes the action of the Imperial Government in inviting to this country, as guests of the British nation, a party of Indian editors, representative of different points of view, with the object of enabling them to see at close quarters something of the extraordinary effort of Britain and her Allies, by land and sea, to bring about an era of renewed confidence in the sanctity of treaties and the publicly pledged word of the nations.

Following its usual procedure, the Committee has availed itself of the presence in London of representative Indian gentlemen known to be in general sympathy with it, to obtain their advice and services. The Committee has specially welcomed the presence in London of the three distinguished Indians who have been appointed to the Secretary of State's Council—namely, Sahibzada Aftab Ahmad Khan, Sir Prabhashankar Pattani, and Mr. Bhupendranath Basu. The first is known as an arden educationist and a broad-minded and progressive member of the Mussulman community in India. The second, a distinguished administrator, has served as a member of the Bombay Government. The third has been for long an independent leader of the Indian national movement, and was President of the Congress and the chosen spokesman of his compatriots at the outbreak of the war. All three have been, it is believed, a source of strength to the Secretary of State, and have added greatly to Indian prestige by their quiet and patriot labours.

IMPERIAL WAR CABINET.

For the second time, Sir Satyendra P. Sinha came to this country to attend the Imperial War Conference, and the Maharaja of Patiala was appointed as the representative of the Indian Princes. For the first time, an Indian representative, Sir Satyendra Sinha, was invited to attend the Imperial War Cabinet as a full member, and it is known that he rendered valuable services in that capacity to the Empire and to India alike—not merely as the sole representative of the Government of India, but as a distinguished and representative Indian, upon whom the King was pleased to confer the honour of appointment as one of His Majesty's Council. Both he and Mr. Basu have earnestly warned the British public against the dangers of delay in the adoption of a large and far-reaching measure of reform, and their efforts have done much to strengthen the hands of friends of India against the powerful reactionary force arrayed against the grant of political reforms.

When it became known that Mr. Tilak and other members of the Home Rule League deputations, who had received from the Government of India passports to proceed to this country to enlighten people here upon the situation in India, had been prevented from continuing their journey by the arbitrary action of the Home Government, the Committee submitted to the Government a strong protest against this unworthy attempt to stifle an expression of Indian public opinion, especially as a known opponent of any large measure of constitutional reform was permitted to come to this country and to address the British people.

INDO-BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

During the year there has been registered in London a limited liability company, known as the Indo-British Association, presided over by Lord Sydenham, and whose principal members and shareholders include a number of retired Anglo-Indian officials and merchants. The association is provided with large funds, it is said, principally by business houses that have been invited to subscribe by way of business insurance connected with their Indian commercial interests. As a body it has done everything possible, through the Press and by pamphlets and other literature, to discredit the Secretary of State and to malign the leaders and the purpose of the Indian national movement. At first it tried to stampede public opinion here against all idea of political reform, by the circulation of a pamphlet containing (as Mr. Charles Roberts, M.P. has shown) garbled and misleading extracts from selected addresses presented to Mr. Montagu and Lord Chelmsford, purporting to prove that large and influential bodies of people in India were strongly hostile to such reforms. Later it endeavoured by a frontal attack to overthrow the Reform proposals put forward by the Secretary of State and Viceroy, on the ground that they were subversive of British rule in India, and calculated to play into the hands of those they term Indian "olsheviks." Being defeated in the House of Lords and not venturing to seek a hearing in the House of Commons on August 6 last, it has since sought to undermine and whittle away the scheme by the suggestion of impossible and reactionary amendments. It is true that some of the members of the Association have publicly and emphatically dissociated themselves from these questionable methods. But it is clear that the Association is endeavouring to rally to its banner all that is most reactionary in English life, the retired bureaucrats who have failed to keep in touch with the rapid growth of Indian political sentiment, especially during the war, and vested interests of every kind, based upon a determination to retain power and privilege, material and official, so long as possible. These, as before, will do their utmost to frustrate any scheme of reforms, and will use every division, weakness, and error of judgment of the Indian reformers to injure the national movement.

WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee has carried on its general propaganda by meetings, lectures, the circulation of literature, etc., and, as far as circumstances have permitted, has placed the views of the Congress before the British public and official circles. It has also associated itself with such organisations as the British Auxiliary of the Home Rule for India League, Britain and India, and some societies of Indian gentlemen, in the holding of public meetings, and it has further cooperated with them in joint conferences, in which questions of policy and joint public action have been considered. The desirability of having branches of the Committee in some of the large towns is under consideration. Some of these towns, such as Glasgow, have fifteen members of Parliament; others have ten or eleven.

The fraternal greetings of the Congress were presented to the Annual Conference of the Labour Party in January by Mr. Polak, and the response of the large audience was very hearty and generous.

The death of Sir William Wedderburn has been a most severe loss to the Committee. He was its most prominent and influential member, devoting almost his entire time to its work. We have no one who can replace him. One by one, the men who have held important offices in India, such as Mr. Hume and Sir Henry Cotton, have passed away, and none of those who have held such high official posts have joined the Committee to take their places. There are but few in this country who have knowledge of the Indian national movement or sufficient sympathy with it to do the work which needs to be done. The Committee ought to be strengthened by the addition of members from India, and by the appointment of a Chairman who will be able to devote a considerable time to the work. Since Sir William's death, Dr. G. B. Clarke, ex-M.P. (who was the chairman of the Indian Reform Association, formed in 1882 to support Lord Ripon's policy), has been acting as chairman, but age and other duties make it impossible for him to give the time necessary.

The closed accounts for 1917, duly audited, are presented along with those covering the period from January 1 to September 30, 1918. The increase in the ordinary expenditure of the Committee is due to the grant of increments long overdue and to special war charges. In accordance with the resolution of the Congress, the Journal "India" has been regularly issued. In 1917, the Committee's funds were charged with a sum of £500 on account of the deficit incurred. For the current year part of the deficit to date has been met by payment of £300, and it is estimated that a further sum of £475 will be required to cover the loss for 1918. While part of this result is due to a falling off in the number of paying subscribers in India, the main cause is the serious advance in the cost of production owing to the war. The cost of paper is now seven times its pre-war value, whilst that of printing and distribution is increased by about 120 per cent. The deficit on the publication of "India" for the complete year 1919 is estimated at £1,050, if prices do not further increase. The general secretaries of the Congress have been fully informed on these matters, which, it will be seen, are entirely beyond the control of the Committee and the directors of the company. The further work of the Committee will be determined by the amount of financial support it receives from India.

The Committee desires to place on record here its deep sense of appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the national cause by Mr. H. E. A. Cotton, M.P., L.C.C, during the twelve years in which, as editor, he had the conduct of the journal "India." It is confident that, in his new sphere of activity in Parliament, Mr. Cotton will continue to serve India to the best of his ability.

The value of a weekly paper as a form of propaganda is inestimable, and increasing, particularly in highly influential circles, and the Congress would do well to provide additional funds for its maintenance and improvement. To-day and during the critical period ahead, when such far-reaching changes are contemplated, such a journal as "India" is a vital necessity.—"India."

ALI BROTHERS.

RELEASE DEMANDED BY BOMBAY H. R LEAGUE.

The Hon. Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President, Bombay Home Rule League, has sent the following telegrams to his Excellency the Viceroy at Delhi:—

"I am desired by the Committee of the Bombay Home Rule League to submit once again to your Excellency-in-Council that now war is over there should be no further delay in releasing Messrs. Mahomed Alli and Saukat Alli. Any further continuance of their internment will cause gravest disappointment and mistrust."

AMNESTY TO POLITICAL PRISONERS.

"On behalf of the Committee of the Bombay Home Rule League, I have the honour to urge upon your Excellency-in-Council to consider the advisability of releasing the internees under the Defence of India Act and according general amnesty to all political prisoners. My Committee feel that such an act of generous statesmanship on the part of your Excellency's Government will go far to assure a favourable and promising inauguration of the constitutional Reforms which His Majesty's Government contemplate in introducing in India. Now that the war is over and peace vouchsafed to the world my Committee earnestly hope that at this moment the British Empire and the Allied powers are celebrating the victory, the Government of India will not be behind the rest of the world in inaugurating an era of reconciliation."

ALL INDIA HINDU CONFERENCE.

PROFOSED HINDU-MOSLEM COMMISSION

(Associated Press.)

DELHI Dec. 24.

The Reception Committee of the Fifth All-India Hindu Conference have elected Sir. Girdharilall as Chairman and Messrs. Sultan Singh, Kanhaya Lal, Sir. Narain and Madho Ram Khanna as its Vice-Chairman. The Conference will be held in Delhi on the 27th, 28th and 29th December and the Hon. Raja Rampal Singh has been elected as President.

The Secretary, All-India Hindu Sabha, has addressed a letter to the Drafting Committee of the Indian National Congress and Secretary All-India Moslem League, saying that in view of the fact that Bakri-Id riots disturb the harmonious relations of the Hindus and Mahomedans more than anything else; the Subjects Committees of the Congress and the League should be asked to consider the desirability of appointing a mixed commission of the representatives of the All-India Hindu Sabha and the All-India Moslem League to enquire into the causes which led to the deplorable riots which took place last year in the Shahabad district of Bihar and at Katarpur in the district of Saharanpur this year and to suggest measures to prevent their recurrence in the future. A resolution to this effect is likely to be placed before the Hindu Conference.

OBSTINACY OF THE AUTHORITIES.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH POLICE

(Associated Press.)

DELHI, Dec. 23.

Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, President-elect of the Congress, is expected to arrive here about noon on Christmas-day. He will be received informally at the station by the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Reception Committee. There will be no procession, as no agreement could be arrived at between the Reception Committee and the authorities. The Committee in applying for a licence suggested two alternative routes, namely from the railway station passing through Queen's Road, Burn Bastion Road, Khari Baoli, Fathepuri, Chandni Chowk, Monkey Hill Road, reaching the Hindu College buildings near the Kashmiri Gate. The Committee's letter asking for licence for music and band attending the procession said that about two or three thousand people were expected to accompany the procession. The alternative route suggested by the Committee was the Queen's Road, Sarai Ahmad, Pai Fatehpuri, Chandni Chowk and Lothian Road.

The Senior Superintendent of Police in reply said there would be no objection to the procession going straight from the station to the Hindu College via Queen's Road, Dufferin Bridge, Hamilton Road and Kashmir Bazar or via Queen's Road, Lothian Bridge, Hamilton Road and Kashmiri Gate.

Later on, the Superintendent replying to the alternative suggestion of the Committee modified the route by saying the procession would go via Clarke Gate to the Clock Tower, thence down Chandni Chowk to the junction with Elgin Road, thence to the Hindu College via Lothian Bridge. He added that arches might be erected on the public land at Clarke Gate and the gate of Queen's Gardens near the Clock Tower.

The whole correspondence was sent by the Committee to the Chief Commissioner, seeking his good offices, but a letter was received to-day from the Senior Superintendent of Police stating that the District Magistrate regretted he could not alter his decision as to the route laid down in the Superintendent's office letter dated 21st December. The Reception Committee on receipt of this letter felt compelled reluctantly to abandon the procession.

SANTA CRUZ WATER SUPPLY

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—For the last so many months, the residents of Santa Cruz have been painfully feeling the dearth of the necessary water supply. Many persons are now complaining to me as their representative on the Notified Area Committee not knowing where the actual remedy really lies. To be brief water came to Santa Cruz some 25 years back through the energies of the late Nanu Naryan and Anandraa Harishankar Kothare and others, but the Water Committee that was then formed is now almost defunct. This Committee levies a charge of Rs. 150 on each applicant, who has further to deposit Rs. 50 with the Bandra Municipality i.e., each applicant has to undergo an extra charge of Rs. 200 over and above what it costs him for laying out his own pipe to take a connection and maintain a meter. But this is a boon only to the owners of Bungalows on the Western side of the Railway. The Eastern side people have been left helpless and inspite of the repeated complaints from the residents on that side, the so called. Water Committee does not or will not care to consider their grievance, although there is a balance of about Rs. 6,000 or so with them.

Now, it is an open secret that inspite of the facilities given by the Bombay Municipality, the Water Supply to Santa Cruz, through Bandra, is a scandal. The Bombay Corporation, so far as I know, made it an express condition with the Bandra Municipality, that no profit was to be made by that body out of water to be supplied to Salsette. But this injunction of the Bombay Municipality has remained unheeded since January never given effect to and the quiet ary, 1917, i.e., it was people of Santa Cruz are muloted in at the rate of Re. 1-2 per 1,000 gallons, whereas they should have been charged only 12 annas per 1,000 gallons i.e., 8 annas cost price and 4 annas for the upkeep by the Bandra Municipality.

Now, instead of bandying words either with the Bandra Municipality or with the said Water Committee, the residents of Santa Cruz will be properly advised, if they insist upon the said Committee to hand over the balance of Rs. 6,000 or whatever it is, to the Chairman Notified Area Committee, Mr. Cowan, who should be asked to consider the following suggestion:—

Mr. Cowan should take the balance of Rs. 6,000 or so and to this amount should be added the total amount of deposits with the Bandra Municipality (viz., Rs. 50 per head for about 110 connections) viz., about Rs. 5,500. This amount may be further increased by a couple of thousand rupees which the residents on the Eastern side were prepared to spend to have a water connection. With all these funds, viz., about Rs. 12,000 the Chairman should be asked to proceed as follows:—"He should request the Bombay Municipality to consent to give a separate connection to Santa Cruz, just as is given to the Military Department at Santa Cruz on the Wankola side. A new pipe should be laid on the eastern side of the Railway and joined with the older pipes system on the Ghodbandar Road, which should be disconnected with the Bandra Municipal water pipe. This separate connection and meter should be maintained by keeping a Water Inspector and meter reader. The consumers should be charged only 12 annas per 1,000 gallons, i.e., at 4 annas profit. Because, on an average consumption of about 4,00,000 gallons monthly there will be a profit of Rs 100 for the upkeep of the water establishment. This idea, if properly worked out will enable the residents to get a far more pure and forcible supply of Water direct from the Tansa main at a cheaper rate, and thus put an end to their long standing grievance. Such a system will work quite satisfactorily at Santa Cruz until Government see their way to provide an independent Water Scheme for the whole of Salsette.—Yours, etc.,

MORESHWAR W. PRADHAN.

Santa Cruz Dec. 20.

WAR ALLOWANCE AND BUREAUCRATIC HIGH-HANDEDNESS.

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Allow me a little space in the "People's Journal" to ventilate a sore grievance.

Sir, it was in April last that the Government of Lord Willingdon granted a war allowance to its servants. All the departments followed the instructions of Government except the Government Central Press, the head of which, presumably to gain name and favour, attached a condition of his own to the effect that out of the lump sum (i.e., for January to October) 1/4th should be deducted for War Loan and every month afterwards 1/6th of the war allowance for the same, and without any regard to the hardship to the men. It was brought to his notice how difficult it will be for them to pay the sum as good many of them had taken loan from Marwaris during the late epidemic and high prices, but he was "harder than steel" and the poor men had to pay three months' amount (1/4th) out of the lump sum and 1/6th out of their monthly war allowance.—Yours, etc.,

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IDEALS OF CITIZENSHIP.

MR. FRITCHLEY'S LECTURE.

A lecture on the above subject was recently delivered at the Baroda College by Mr. E. W. Fritchley under the chairmanship of the Principal. The lecturer prefaced his remarks by directing attention to the way President Wilson's ideals were shaping the course of peace. The lecturer read part of an adress by President Wilson, of which he has just had thousands of copies printed for free distribution in India. It contains that great man's views as to the force which has been shaping America's ideals of citizenship. Turning to the subject of his lecture, the speaker said he could never see why some people were ashamed of having been born in India, as this country might rightly be called the museum of the world, for it contained almost every form of life, whether of the animal or vegetable kindgom, and almost every kind of formation in the mineral kingdom. The natural resources of this country were great, and it was the first duty of true citizens and patriots to find and develop them. The strength of a nation depended on the strength of its individual citizens. If they were weak physically, mentally, morally, the entire nation suffered proportionately. A chain was no stronger than its weakest link, and it behoved those who were working for India's elevation to bring the masses up to a better standard of health, and a higher standard of ideals of life.

Referring to the housing problem Mr. Fritchely said it was not so much the size of a room as its ventilation, which affected the health of its occupants. There were tens of thousands of rooms in our industrial centres which never enjoyed a change of air. They were occupied during the night with closed doors and windows, resulting in a very foul condition of air by the morning. Usually, their occupants on awaking, cooked their morning meal, and left early for work, locking up every thing tightly and locking in the night's foul air, in the bargain, to inhale it again the next night. How on earth could people enjoy health under such conditions?

The lecturer said he would like to see societies of students formed in India, who would undertake to visit among the masses and the illiterate poor, both in towns and villages, with a view to giving them clearer ideals on points of health, both physical and moral. The better and more enlightened classes of India should also urge for the improvement of laws pertaining to foodstuffs. At present things were left to take their own unhealthy course. For instance, Indian sweets might be exposed to dust, filth, and flies, and there was no legal enactment to protect the masses in this respect.

ALL-INDIA MAHOMEDAN EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE.

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Will you kindly give space in your valuable paper for the accompanying letter addressed to the Secretaries of the Reception Committee of All-India Mahomedan Educational Conference?—Yours, etc.,

SYED ALI EL EDROOS.

Surat, Edroos House, Dec. 22.

Edroos House, Surat.
22nd December, 1918.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter dated the 20th November last, posted on the 7th December and received on the following day, I beg to inform you that I have every sympathy with the movement, whose object unquestionably is to spread education amongst the Mussalmans generally.

I am, however, sorry to observe that in such an important matter as this, the existence of the influential bodies like the Local Anjuman Islam and the Mahomedan Union were ignored by those who had the goodness to call the meeting in Surat.

I am sorry I cannot accept the honour of being the Vice-President of the Reception Committee I find that the ways adopted by the local organisers of the Conference are far from satisfactory. And I believe under these circumstances, no self-respecting gentleman however much he has at heart, the promotion of the object of the conference will condescend to join it.

I hope you will not use my name after the receipt of this letter in any way being connected with the forthcoming Conference.

Yours, faithfully,
Syed Ali el Edroos.

RAILWAY GUARDS AND PASSENGERS

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I shall be highly obliged if you will spare a little space for the following in your widely-read paper.

On 21st December at 5-42 p.m. (S. T.) at Marine Lines the up-Virar local train arrived. The passengers began to get down. Though all of them had not done so, the rear guard, not looking to the facility of other passengers, whistled and it started for Church Gate. Here I want to mention that the "Virarwalas" who had to take out their goods from the train and the rear brakevan and most probably from the front one also had much difficulty in getting down. I shall narrate their situation:—the train was in motion, two or three "Virarwalas" were in the brake van lowering down the goods, the train passed ¾ of the part of the station yet they could not take them out; the guard threatened them: so with great difficulty they got down near the luggage office. Such was the case with many others in their respective compartments. I can safely say that this is not an isolated example but I have seen many others. What is the function of the guards? Have they only to care for time in order to get extra money and not to the convenience and safety of the passengers?—Yours, etc.

Vile Parle, Dec. 23.

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THE WEATHER.

TEMPERATURE IN BOMBAY.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 23rd Dec. 1918.

Means of observations taken at 8 a.m. 10 a.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometers corrected to 32 deg Fahr.	29.945	Inch
Temperature of Air	74.8	Deg.
Wet Bulb Thermometer	67.6	"
Dew Point	64.0	"
Relative humidity of Air	0.695	"
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky cloudy=10)	2.2	"
Maximum temperature of Air	82.9	"
Minimum do.	67.3	"
General direction of Wind from midnight to midnight	NNW,NW,NNW,N.	
Movement of Wind do. do.	169	Miles.

SUN, MOON AND TIDES AT BOMBAY.

The following are the hours and height of the tides in Bombay Harbour during the ensuing week. Hour stated in Bombay Mean time. Depth of water is at Prince's Dock:—

		HIGH WATER.					LOW WATER.				
Day of Week.	Day of Month.	Bombay Mean time.		Depth on Still.		Day of Month.	Bombay Mean time.		Depth on Still.	
	Dec.	h.	m.	ft.	in.	Dec.	h.	m.	ft.	in.
Tues.	24	m 3	15	26	11	24	m 9	56	19	0
		e 8	51a	24	5		e 9	11a	20	4
Wed.	25	m 3	50	26	1	25	m 10	50	19	2
		e 4	57a	24	0		e 10	5a	21	4
Thur.	26	m 4	23	25	4	26	m 11	49	19	1
		e 6	21a	24	0		e 11	33a	22	0
Fri.	27	m 5	19	24	10	27	e 0	44a	18	10
		e 7	25a	24	5					
Sat.	28	m 6	22	24	7	28	m 1	4	22	2
		e 8	47a	25	3		e 1	36a	18	4
Sun.	29	m 7	30	24	7	29	m 2	18	21	10
		e 9	35a	26	2		e 2	22a	17	8
Mon.	30	m 8	36	24	10	30	m 3	17	21	4
		e 10	12a	27	1		e 3	6a	17	1

The following are the hours of sunrise and sunset according to Indian Standard Time, during the ensuing week:—

Dec. 24 (Tuesday)	Sunrise	7h. 9m.	Sunset	5h. 8m.
" 25 (Wednesday)	"	7h. 9m.	"	5h. 9m.
" 26 (Thursday)	"	7h. 10m.	"	5h. 9m.
" 27 (Friday)	"	7h. 10m.	"	5h. 10m.
" 28 (Saturday)	"	7h. 11m.	"	5h. 10m.
" 29 (Sunday)	"	7h. 11m.	"	5h. 11m.
" 30 (Monday)	"	7h. 11m.	"	5h. 12m.

Phases of the Moon:—New Moon 1978 Dec. 23d. 8h. 49.3m. p.m.; First quarter 31d. 8h. 1.4m. a.m. Full Moon 186d. 0h. 47.3m. a.m. Last quarter 193d. 0h. 9.6m. p.m.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

Summary of observations recorded at hours on Tuesday, the 24th December 1918, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

The Punjab.—Skies are clear except in the extreme north. Humidity is below normal at Ambala. Day temperature has risen, but is still below normal in the west Punjab; night temperature is below the average at several stations.

The United Provinces.—Skies are clear or only lightly clouded. Humidity remains below normal except at Jhansi where it is in excess and night temperature in moderate defect.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are clear except at Karachi. Humidity is slightly above normal in the north of the division. Day temperature is below the average in upper Sind and west Rajputana; night temperature is in defect in north Rajputana.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are clear or only lightly clouded. Humidity is locally below normal in Kathiawar and Central India West. Night temperature is lower and in west Kathiawar it is now below the average.

The Central Provinces.—Skies are lightly or moderately clouded. Humidity is below normal at a few stations. Day temperature is above the average nearly everywhere; night temperature is in excess in the south-west of the division.

The Konkan.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. Humidity has decreased and is now nearly normal.

The Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are clear in the south Bombay Deccan and are lightly or moderately clouded elsewhere. Humidity remains below normal in the north-western districts. Temperature is slightly above the average in the northern half of the division both by day and night.

General Remarks.—Weather has been dry. The unsettled conditions noticed yesterday at the head of the Persian Gulf are extending eastwards.

Dry weather is likely to continue.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN at 8 a.m., on TUESDAY, the 24th of December, 1918.

STATIONS.	Temp. in Shade. Maximum of past 24 hours.	Temp. in Shade. Minimum of past 24 hours.	Humidity. 8 A.M.	Rainfall. Past 24 hours.	Rainfall. Total, 1st Jan. to date	Rainfall. Departure, 1st Jan. to date.
PERSIAN GULF—						
Bunaire	..	..	..	..	..	..
Do.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jask	78.5	60.1	79	..	0	—1.25
Do.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Muskat	..	..	..	..	..	..
Do.	..	..	..	..	..	..
PUNJAB—						
Multan	66.9	39.6	78	..	0.08	—0.23
Rawalpindi	60.9	34.4	82	..	1.79	+0.87
Lahore	65.8	35.3	81	..	0.31	—0.04
Hissar	70.4	33.0	76	..	0.02	—0.16
Ambala	63.9	41.1	64	..	1.06	+0.52
Delhi	..	..	..	..	..	..
UNITED PROVINCES—						
Agra	74.6	45.3	54	..	0	—0.31
Mainpuri	75.3	44.0	58	..	0	—0.43
Jhansi	75.9	44.6	74	..	0.98	+0.66
Cawnpore	75.8	46.2	63	..	0.64	—0.45
Allahabad	76.7	47.8	64	..	0.06	—0.54
SIND AND RAJPUTANA						
Jacobabad	69.1	44.6	77	..	0.12	—0.08
Karachi	76.6	59.0	65	..	0.36	+0.23
Ajmer	72.0	45.9	67	..	0	—0.42
Jaipore	75.1	42.9	54	..	0	—0.30
Kotah	78.2	49.6	40	..	0.28	—0.09
Mount Abu	61.0	49.0	46	..	0	—0.31
GUJARAT KATHIAWAR AND CENTRAL INDIA WEST—						
Bhuj	78.8	46.9	60	..	0	—0.13
Dwarka	80.8	48.7	57	..	0	—0.08
Veraval	87.2	64.0	32	..	0	—0.26
Rajkot	83.6	57.0	32	..	0	—0.25
Bhavnagar Para	84.2	51.6	35	..	0	—0.16
Surat	88.8	69.3	54	..	0	—0.23
Ahmedabad	88.3	56.4	44	..	0	—0.16
Deesa	81.7	56.9	30	..	0	—0.13
Neemuch	73.1	52.8	39	..	0.06	—0.22
Indore	81.7	48.6	59	..	0.23	—0.36
CENTRAL PROVINCES—						
Jubbulpore	77.3	48.5	72	..	1.30	+0.55
Saugor	79.9	51.4	45	..	0.88	—0.07
Bombangabad	81.3	54.4	63	..	2.17	+1.21
Khandwa	86.8	54.4	54	..	0.02	—0.79
Akola	90.1	61.7	53	..	1.62	+0.67
Amraoti	87.5	62.7	41	..	1.64	+0.71
Nagpur	84.8	54.9	52	..	2.21	+1.02
Chanda	87.3	56.6	71	..	0.33	—0.54
Raipur	81.9	53.4	59	..	0.71	+0.08
KONKAN—						
Bombay	82.9	67.3	75	..	0.09	—0.45
Ratnagiri	87.1	69.7	49	..	3.41	+2.61
Marmugao	84.2	..	68	..	3.01	+1.87
Karwar	88.1	65.5	80	..	4.58	+2.63
BOMBAY DECCAN AND HYDERABAD—						
Malegaon	88.9	54.2	31	..	0.08	—0.63
Ahmednagar	87.7	56.2	36	..	0.35	—0.69
Poona	88.9	57.4	61	..	1.16	+0.15
Sholapur	88.8	59.9	48	..	1.41	+0.08
Hijapur	85.8	61.8	54	..	0.29	—0.77
Belgaum	83.0	57.3	57	..	4.26	+2.57
Aurangabad	87.2	60.5	40	..	1.07	+0.29
Nizamabad (Indur)	88.9	59.9	61	..	2.38	+1.67
Hyderabad	82.8	59.2	83	..	2.79	+1.84
MALABAR AND CEYLON						
Mangalore	90.0	68.3	51	..	6.60	+3.45
Calicut	87.4	67.7	69	..	12.79	+7.04
Cochin	89.4	71.1	67	..	9.51	+1.79
Colombo	86.9	73.2	86	..	8.83	—8.51
MADRAS (EXCLUDING MALABAR) AND MYSORE—						
Masulipatam	81.4	65.2	80	..	16.65	+10.67
Bellary	85.3	58.9	64	..	6.01	+3.86
Cuddapah	84.9	62.2	76	..	5.90	+1.61
Madras	82.9	68.5	86	..	49.75	+31.29
Bangalore	80.3	55.4	79	..	7.41	+4.36
Coimbatore	83.3	61.9	70	..	11.92	+7.45
Trichinopoly	81.8	69.7	79	..	42.09	+19.3
Negapatam	84.9	67.0	67	..	13.59	+6.3

STANDARD BAROMETER READING.

The following information is published in order that vessels in the Bombay Harbour may by comparison with a standard instrument ascertain the errors of their barometers:—

The reading of the Standard Barometer in the Colaba Observatory corrected for index error and reduced to 0 deg. F. and to the level of the tide at 8-45 a.m., Standard Time, on the 24th December, 1918, was 30.165 inches for temperature corrections applicable to mercurial barometer of ships the reading of the ship's barometer has to be increased or decreased by .019 inch for every 5 degrees according gas the temperature of the attached thermometer is respectively below or above 80 deg. F. In case of the aneroid no temperature correction is needed. But for comparison at 80 deg. F. all aneroid readings should be increased by .138 inch. For correcting the ship's barometer either mercurial or aneroid for the height of the barometer cistern above the tide level in the stream at 6-45 a.m., Standard Time, the ship's barometer readings should be increased by .010 inch for every 10 feet of the height to make it comparable with the observatory barometer reading given.

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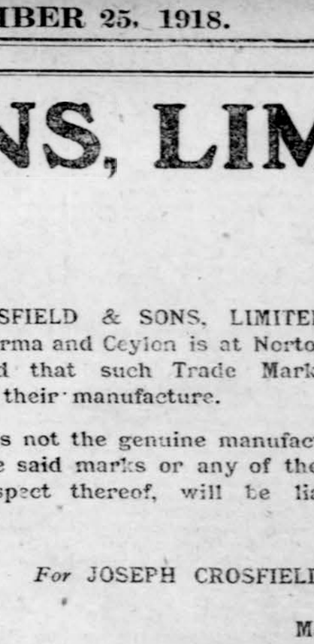

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CHRISTMAS IN THE TRENCHES.

On the morning of December 25th a man of thirty-eight, mudded to the eyes and frozen to the soul, dragged his eyes open at 4 a.m.; used his chin as a rasp to remove caked clay from the back of his hand, glanced at a man snoring at his side, and dug him in the ribs.

"Christians awake: salute the 'appy morn," he gurgled. "A merry Christmas Jim. S'truth! ain't it cold."

Above the trench the pale morning stars of nature competed with the Bosche lights. Away to either flank warfare made itself heard—in front a white shroud of snow covered the shattered frontier of freedom. Here and there the snow traced the shape of a human form lying still and quiet; here and there chocolate-coloured holes shewed where shells had recently burst.

Joe slowly withdrew one leg and foot from the slimy, pasty mud and held it up.

"Say, Jim," he sniggered, "that's a pretty Christmas stocking to 'ang in the air, ain't it."

Jim made his way to the parapet and peeped over, laughing.

"Lummy, it ain't 'alf pretty over here," he said. "All that snow and the dinkie little stars a-twinkling and a-twinkling looks just like one o' them Christmas cards out of a six-three box."

The windy gasp of a Bosche shell split the early morning air, and the two men ducked; it burst with the definite report of a frosty morning, and Joe raised his head.

"Even old Fritz is thinking of us this 'appy morn," he said with mock pathos.

The day passed (you may have noticed that is a habit days have), and night came (which is also a habit). Down in the dug-out Joe placed his tot of rum on the duckboard table. The air of the place was thick and foul, but the spirit of the men was goodwill.

"All I'm going to say," said Joe, "is, many 'appy returns."

"You'm thinking of birthdays," said Alf.

Joe was silent for a moment and then glared at Alf with defiance.

"Well," he said, "ain't Christmas a birthday," The moment of conviviality had been perforce postponed on account of the C.Q.M.S. (who, for the uninitiated, is the man who brings the groceries), having fallen into a shell-hole with the rum. By the grace of a merciful and humane-minded providence the jars had escaped intact.

Dixies of hot water and a double tot of rum had been served out with the evening meal, and this supplemented by various parcels from home, which, despite the assiduous attention of the F.P.O, (this is entirely innocent of ulterior meaning or import), had managed to reach their proper owners, made a passable Christmas meal.

All the old Bills and Berts of the platoon were there.

Presently Joe rose to his feet. He had to lean against the table, not for support, but because his head was too high for the roof.

"Gents all!" he exclaimed, flourishing his mug. "'Ere's to our habsent friends."

"Habsent friends." The toast was drunk solemnly.

"And may we find 'em safe and sound 'aving escaped the dangers of the darkened streets, when we return to their bosoms," remarked Jim Poyton.

"'Ere, 'ere," said the company. with fervour.

The rum and tea was getting low, and after squinting into his mug, Bill being the senior, in appearance at any rate, not having shaved, rose again to the "half-knee bend" position.

"Gents," he said. "The King."

Bright eyes glistened from under the brim of 'steel 'ats.'

"The King!" Every mug was drained.

"Stand to!" came a voice down the dug-out, and the Christmas banquet of No. 16 platoon "D" Coy. was over.

AT THE BASE.

Captain James Simmons of "D" Coy. was a man of parts. He looked and was a man who knew a good thing to eat when he saw it. You don't often see it in the trenches.

Two days before Xmas when the Battalion came back into Brigade rest he bethought himself of Doulans and a goose. The junior Subs. were at first enthusiastic and then reminiscent of past orgies. The senior sub. lit a "twota," and said it was one of old Simmie's brain waves, and the second Captain, a thin man with a predatory eye commenced starving himself in preparation.

Simmons went off on his horse like Gil Blas with sundry commissions for the Field Cashier and the Mess Cart commandeered to collect the stores he purchased.

He met Dias of "A" Coy. in "The Officers' Cafe" (you know it). It abounds in commissioned neophytes in search of a gay life. Dias said the wine was poisonous and the food septic. It's a way Dias has and carries no weight.

Simmons lit a Maryland with an allumette, and Dias stopped grousing to choke.

"Just bought a goose for Christmas," said Simmie, having achieved an audience.

"I wish to heaven you wouldn't impose those infernal matches on *me*—So've I—Toh-oo!—Damn fine bird, too—Gad, I've been gassed—How are you getting your bird back?"

"Mess cart," said Simmons.

"By Gad! I never thought of that. Can my bird go back in it as well?"

"Why, yes," said Simmons.

"Thanks. Have a drink."

There is nothing else on earth which smells quite like a country estaminet when they are cooking a goose. McHarris, "D" Coy's Mess Steward came in at 6 p.m. on Xmas night and felt for his gas helmet.

"C'est que notre oie sentir, madam," he asked the lady of sabots.

Madam wiped her hands on her apron and smiled.

"The goooo-se is plus grande, monsieur, and is cooo-king. It will be,—how you say—finie at six heures trois quarts." She opened the oven door and showed him the sizzling bird.

McHarris nodded and went out. He cannoned into Aston who served in the mess of Dias.

"Been looking at the goose?" asked Aston. "S'truth! don't it miff."

"It will taste all right, I expect," said McHarris.

"Expect it will. I'll let you know in the morning."

McHarris turned round, but Aston had passed into the Estaminet and closed the door. He hesitated a minute and then—well,—he went very cold, for he suddenly remembered he had forgotten to bring "A" Coy's goose from Doulans as Captain Simmons had told him to do. He went his way now with trembling tread wondering how best he might circumvent the horrid anger of "A" Coy's empty stomach. After a time he decided to await the cloud-burst before opening his umbrella.

At a quarter to seven he returned for the goose. A hot rush of air met him as he entered.

"L'oie, Madam?" he asked.

"L'oie, Monsieur?" said the woman, "but it has gone already. A bon soldat he fetch it as you departed just now."

McHarris didn't waste time in words. He rushed from the estaminet to the Old Farm, which was "D" Coy's headquarters, and burst into the kitchen.

The officers of "D" Coy, sat in state around a white cloth awaiting the bird. Simmons at the head looked up, beaming.

"Ah!" he commenced. "Here comes—"

"McHarris, sir! 'A' Coy., has pinched our goose. They've taken it, sir,—are eating it now, sir,—I been and went and forgot to bring theirs, sir."

Simmie, God bless him, rose from the table with the "one minute before Zero look" in his eye.

"Follow me, McHarris," he said. McHarris followed with "twenty seconds before Zero" in his knees. "A" Coy's headquarters were not far away. McHarris wished they had been further.

Dias was standing at the Mess Room window looking out, and laughing at the stars.

"Hello! Simmie, old chap," he sang out in what seemed an unnecessary loud voice. "What can we do for you" He tried to fill the window frame with his bulk. "I say, you fellows," he said over his shoulder. "Here's old Simmie come to sing us carols, got mince pie for him"

There was a roar of laughter, and "A" Coy's officers crowded round the window. Simmons tried to look over their shoulders, but his view of the room was carefully blocked. He got his head as far inside the window as possible, and sniffed.

"I thought so," he said. "Dias you have my goose here."

Dias laughed.

"By Gad, Simmie, much as I love you, if you make insinuations like that I'll damn soon cook yours."

"Don't try and be clever, Dias," said Simmons. "I want my goose."

"You're mad, old son," sniggered Dias, "Shell-shock or something. You know I bought a goose in Doulans. A very excellent bird too. It was tender and tasty."

"Tender," said Simmons. "Was tender; you don't mean to say you've eaten it?"

"Every blessed shred," said Dias. "Nothing but the smell left. Come and have some of that, and a W. and S."

"But, good heavens, man, that was our goose. Yours never came from Doulans; McHarris forgot it."

"In that case," said Dias, "it was your goose McHarris forgot. Now sink all ill will and misunderstanding, and sing us 'Good King Wences,—' No? Well good-night, and before Simmie could find appropriate words the window slammed, to the muffled chorus of laughter.

Simmons says stewed "Bully" is really not so very bad for a Christmas dinner.

IN HOSPITAL.

Do you know No. X Red Cross Hospital? Well, it's just heaven on earth. Leslie Carter, R.F.C., had crashed his bus and was there with a broken wrist, and the wrath of God in his heart. Heyminster of The Buffs had a bullet in his thigh, and an intense love for all V.A.D.s in his heart, and Macintosh, you know, of the Royalty, who was convalescing from trench fever, and handing round tea-trays and laughter. If you know Macintosh, you will remember his wonderful tenor voice and imagine how he would sit for hours letting his slender, sickness-bleached hands wander over the ward piano.

Carter and Macintosh kept things humming on Xmas Day at No. X. They ragged the nurses and kissed the matron, and made patients who had not laughed for weeks burst their sides. But Heyminster, the susceptible, was the man to be pitied. He had been ordered quiet. His thigh was not taking good ways and so, except when a white-capped angel came to bring his meals or dress his wound, he lay alone in his cubicle upstairs listening to the revelry going on

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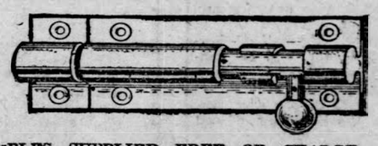
BOLT  BRAND

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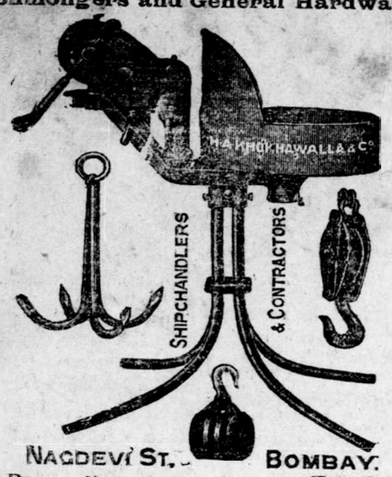

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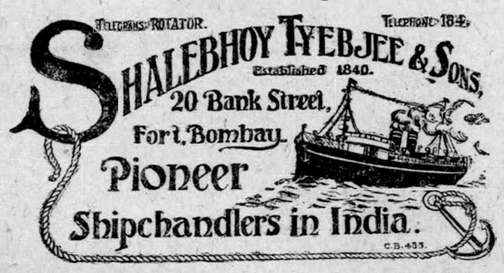

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THE KHAKI TOUCH.

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below. He pictured the holly and mistletoe hanging round the dining hall, and a horrible self-pity came over him and lasted until he went to sleep. It returned when Nurse Teddy brought him his tea, and because she hurt him in dressing his thigh, he felt all the world was against him, and that nobody loved him, and went off to sleep feeling like a dilapidated book of Fox's Martyrs.

Leslie Carter woke him up. His eyes twinkling, his face red. He cursed Heyminster for an unsociable swine to go to sleep whilst everyone else was trying to keep Xmas up.

"What the deuce can I do?" asked Heyminster.

THE KHAKI TOUCH.

"Do! Why, man, be sociable. All these priceless girls have been up to see you, and they all came back with 'he same tale 'asleep.'"

"Good Lord," said Heyminster, "you don't mean to say I've been asleep when the girls came up to see me. I wouldn't have done it for the world."

Then the padre came in. He had partaken of a glass of port, and was full of beans and benevolence.

"Ah!" he said. "Here is our young apostle of sleep who disregards the ladies, awake at last."

There was a rustle of starched clothes and a pretty V.A.D. stood smiling in the doorway. She was tall and dark, and her features well cut. She turned sparkling grey eyes towards the susceptible Heyminster.

"Well, Mr. Heyminster," she said, in a voice which promised a rich contralto, "I have been sent to see if you were awake, and if not to waken you."

Heyminster blushed, and the Padre and Carter laughed.

"Oh, I think he's awake now, Miss Odell," said the Padre.

"Well, I'm sleepy myself," said the girl. "I was travelling all last night and unpacking all morning." Here she seated herself besides Heyminster. "But if we keep nudging each other I think we shall manage to keep ourselves awake."

Heyminster's blush deepened, and the Padre and Carter giggled nervously.

"You only arrived to-day then," said Heyminster, clearly under the spell of her grey eyes already.

"Only to-day, you are my first victim," she glanced at the other two men. "I think he is beginning to look brighter," she said.

"By Gad, rather," said Carter. "I expect he's feeling beastly lonely. You see he has been alone all day."

"Loog here," said Heyminster, "it's awfully nice to hear you being charitable about me but I'm quite able to speak for myself."

"Hooray!" laughed Nurse Odell. "He's actually growling." "I say," she said, leaning towards him, "would you like to kiss me?"

Carter buried his face in his hands; the Padre cleared his throat violently, and Heyminster, susceptible Heyminster, looked at Nurse Odell, smiled his own particular smile and said:

"Yes, please."

She had soft lips and Heyminster lay back in his bed and wished the two blockheads looking on would make themselves scarce.

Nurse Odell was laughing.

"I say," she said, "wouldn't you like to smoke?"

"It may," said Heyminster.

"You do. I'm going to," said the girl.

There was a moment's tense silence. Both Carter and the Padre seemed to be struggling with a sense of duty. Heyminster glanced at them, then handed his cigarette case to Nurse Odell.

"Will you have one of these?" he asked. "They are rather good."

"No, thanks. I prefer my own form of nicotine." She stooped and drew up her skirt.

Heyminster turned his face to the wall. The Padre looked as if he was going to burst and Carter had cast self-respect to the wind and was watching the girl.

Presently Heyminster turned round again and glanced at the pretty nurse. Between her small, white teeth she held a bull-dog pipe.

"I never get any satisfaction out of cigarettes, you know," she said.

"No," said Heyminster. He noticed her hands were white and slender, and he wondered whether she had been ill.

Nurse Odell, having carefully stuffed her pipe struck a match, and, in the way present day matches have, the head flew off and lodged in the girl's hair. Heyminster made a grab at it, but it was too late. There was a sudden flare, and the whole of Miss Odell's hair was alight.

The Padre and Carter rushed forward, but before they got there the girl had—scalped herself.

"Damn it," said Macintosh, flinging down his wig and stamping on it. "The bally match has spoilt the whole show. Pouff, what a stink."

The Padre and Carter burst into a roar of laughter, and in the passage outside there came an echo of feminine mirth.

"You ass!" said Heyminster.

"Never mind, old chap," laughed Macintosh, "we are going to hang mistletoe over your head, and Sister Wood. Nurse Teddy, and "The Princess" are all going to straighten your pillow in turn."

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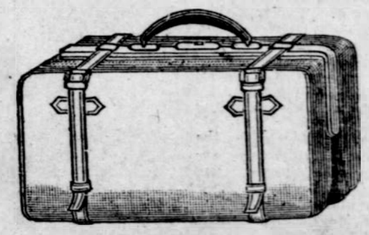

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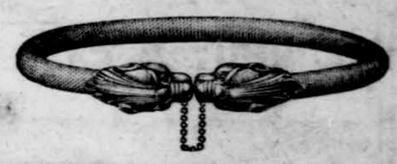

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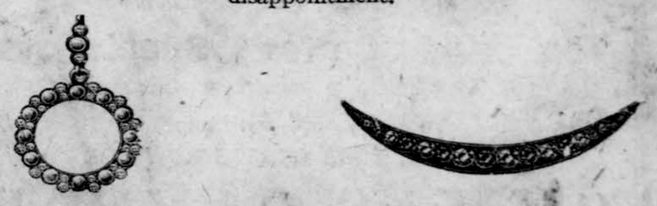

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